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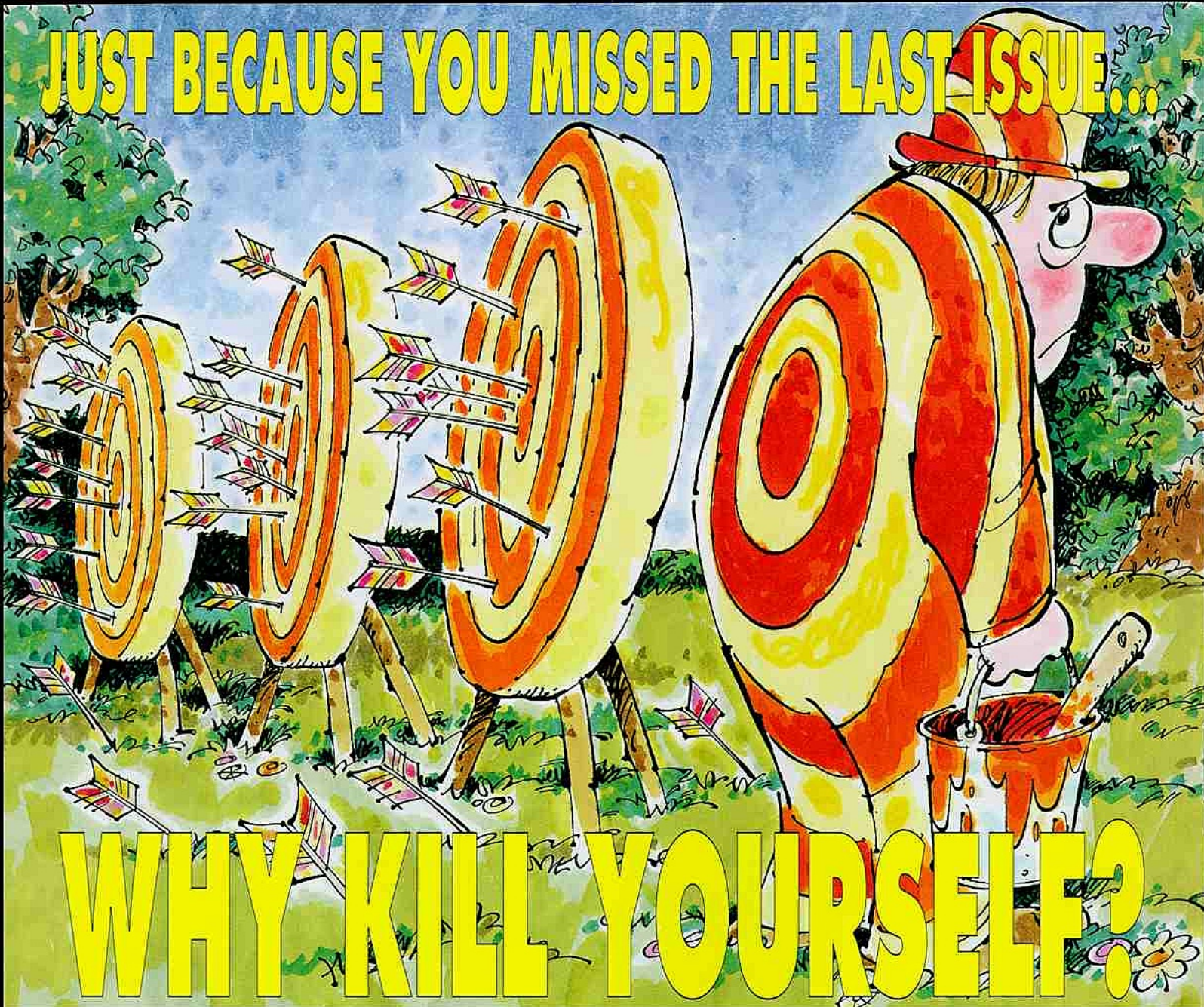
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— Alfred E. Neuman

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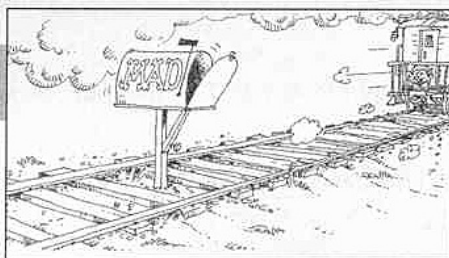
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HELP A JOKING VICTIM

I really dig MAD magazine and I hope to see more "Joke Set-Ups That Don't Need a Punchline" (issue #342). Those are super keen hilarious.

Johnnysom@aol.com

As we have mentioned before (and re-echo from the letters page of MAD #344), we are in the business of fulfilling reader's wishes. Here are more Joke Set-Ups That Don't Need a Punchline: "Louis Farrakhan decides to take a vacation on a glass-bottom boat..." "A power tool salesman's car breaks down in front of an abortion clinic..." "These three dwarves are trying on clerical outfits when..." But wait! We'd like to fulfill your wishes even more! Readers, help us make Johnny a happy boy! Send us your own Joke Set-Ups That Don't Need a Punchline — we'll print the best on an upcoming letters page! —Ed.

STOCKING MARKET HITS NEW LOW

A woman at the auto parts store told me that a run in one's pantyhose can be patched with a bit of nail polish. I tried this, and it stopped the run all right — but it looks like a big glossy drop of blood. Was I stupid to take her advice?

James Reynolds III
Houston, TX

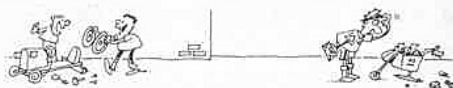
Jimbo — Your mistake was not in asking a woman in an auto parts store for advice — your mistake was in wearing pantyhose in the first place! Everyone knows that black fishnet stockings are the preferred hose of discriminating cross-dressers! Ciao, big boy! —Ed.

NOW THAT YOU DIMENSION IT

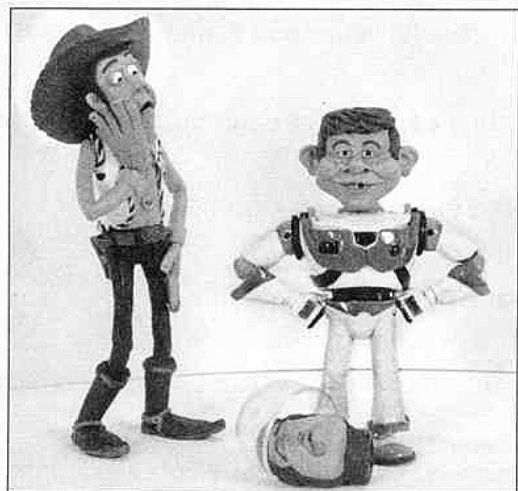
I think you should make a 3-D issue of Mad.

Thaddeus Fisher
Sacramento, CA

Thad — That's a great idea! And thanks for starting us off with your own 3-D letter — Dimwitted, Dull and Dorky! —Ed.



MAD ABOUT THE TOY



Paul Moldovanos and the other super-talented people at the VISIBLE Fix design and sculpture studio in Victoria, British Columbia recently whipped up this clay version of Disney's Toy Story that is "Buzz Lightyears" ahead of the rest! Since not a single frame of the Disney movie featured clay figures, what does VISIBLE Fix plan to do next — an all computer-generated version of Gumby??

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LETTERS &

A REAL 'NET WIT

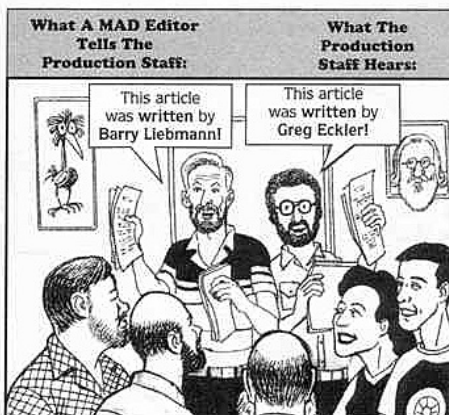
I just have to say that this is my absolutely favorite magazine that I receive, but methinks that it is my obligation to point out an error in issue #343. In "MAD Interviews Miyoursot's Bile Gates," the reference to porno lines on the Internet was flagrantly false. The porno lines on the Internet ARE soaring in popularity, but since they are on the web (which one dials through a server, not to the specific page) you cannot get a "busy signal." Thank you for your time.

DrZoo1@aol.com

Doc — You seem to have quite a detailed and intimate knowledge of cyberporn. May we humbly suggest that you acquire and use a screen saver made of Saran Wrap! —Ed.

WE HAD A BAD HEAR DAY

We'd like to correct an error that appeared in the credits of MAD #343's "What People Say, What Other People Hear," but rather than just tell you about it, we instead present the following entertaining and informative mini-drama featuring the MAD Repertory Players!



MORON MAIL

I like reading your magazine in my underwear. The filthiness and horrible smell of my boxers seem to match your comics.

RatSalad7@aol.com

Rat Boy — A lot of our readers tell us they also read MAD while commuting on the bus! Our recommendation? You should up the Prozac dose in its new, fast-acting suppository form! You follow? —Ed.

FUZZY MEMORIES

I was wondering if the writer that lived in Ojai, Calif. still writes for the magazine. I used to talk to him a lot when I worked at a grocery store there. Thanks.

KILP103@aol.com

The only writer who fits the description in your letter is longtime MAD contributor Bill Fibbers, who for several years lived in a trailer on the outskirts of Ojai! When we showed your letter to Bill, he roared with laughter and regaled us with tales of how he used to visit your grocery store and tell you about writing for MAD while shoplifting produce in his pants! Given what we pay our writers, we can't blame him! By the way, Bill asks where are you working now? A Gap, he hopes...he needs some jeans! Thanks for helping us and Bill relive some fond memories! —Ed.

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TOMATOES DEPARTMENT

CELEBRITY SNAPS

I have been reading your magazine for many years now, but I've had to pay for it. Now, you will GIVE it to me, because Muggsy Bogues has a big ole fat MAD in his hand!

Henry Davis
Harrisburg, NC



Charlotte Hornets star Muggsy Bogues checks out our basketball cover (#333) as Henry Davis "mugge" for the camera! You slam dunked a three-year subscription, Henry, as can anyone who sends us a celebrity snap featuring MAD that we publish! We're glad your picture wasn't with Manute Bol, or we would've had a hell of a time cropping the photo! —Ed.

MAD NUMBLINGS

If Dr. Kevorkian tries to help you commit suicide but you live, can you sue for malpractice? — Shannon O'Rourke, Rockville, MD...Quick factoid: The initials of Alfred E. Neuman are A.E.N. — Lee Breslouer, Newark, DE...Never, EVER get caught with your ears glued to the table. — Casey Schwarz, Halifax, Nova Scotia...Why does Ivory soap taste sweet when I lick it? — Nicholas Buono, Lompoc, CA...I don't like cold potato chips. — Brian P. O'Neill, Camdenton, MO...Is it true that MAD's headquarters were recently invaded by Siberian snow monkeys, or is this just a cruel hoax? — Aaron Graves, North Norwich, NY

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The latest trend in TV sitcom programming is incredibly lame shows about twenty-something and thirty-something single misfits who do nothing but hang out together! We'd much rather watch the classic sitcoms of the past like *Cheers* (thirty-something and forty-something single misfits hanging out together) and *The Golden Girls* (sixty-something and seventy-something widowed misfits hanging out together)! These "circle of friends" shows may be promoted as hip and happenin', but we think they're stinking up CBS, stenching up NBC, and one in particular has all of ABC...

I'm Smellen Mordant! I live in Los Angeles, where I'm the ringleader of a group of friends who try to deal with life and love and sex and anxiety in the big city! In other words, I'm a lot like Woody Allen! Well, if Woody were a woman who lived on the West Coast and wasn't funny!

I'm Smellen's close friend, Pain, a typical self-absorbed West Los Angeles single! My interests are men, shopping and me — and someday I definitely intend to re-examine my shallow, meaningless lifestyle! But this afternoon, I have a nail appointment!

I'm Spent, Smellen's weird cousin! Smellen, Pain and I spend so much time together, we're kind of the *Three's Company* of the '90s — except on that show the guy pretended to be gay! I don't do that — I'm just a wuss!



ARTIST: SAM VIVIANO
WRITER: A.J. MARLEY

Smellen

THE LARRY SANDER SHOW

SAM

I'm Smellen's close friend, Jowl! I run the coffee bar at Smellen's bookstore, where I'm also the resident curmudgeon! Considering my age, I'm one young curmudgeon! Considering my weight, I could be two young curmudgeons!

I'm Tawdry, Smellen's other best friend! I act ditzy, dress badly and talk in a squeaky, funny voice! I call it my "homage" to Fran Drescher's "Nanny" character, although her lawyers call it plagiarism!

I'm Addled! I was Smellen's platonic roommate, but I was bounced from the series! Actually, I'm glad to be off a sinking ship! Sure, the show's a hit in the ratings and with the critics! But as an artist, I needed to stretch and do something I've never done before — namely, collect unemployment!

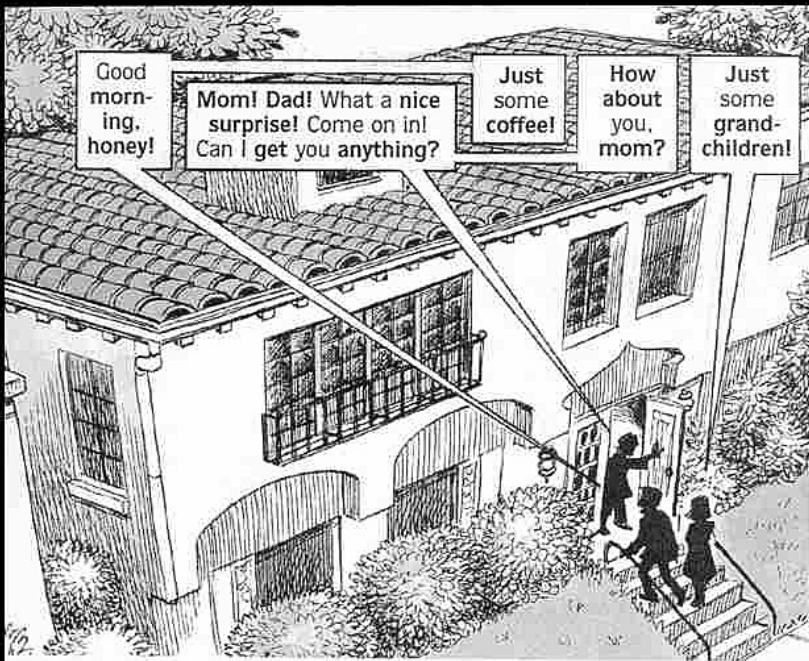
Our daughter Smellen sure has lots of fun friends, doesn't she mom?

Yes, but I wish they'd all leave! I'd like to get Smellen alone so I can tell her how unhappy and lonely she is! It's a mother's job! At least it's a sitcom-mother's job!

BUY
THE
(PLEASE!)
(PREMISE)

THE
WONDER
YEARS

"DAMN YOU,
ALFRED E.
NEUMAN!"



Good morning, honey!

Mom! Dad! What a nice surprise! Come on in! Can I get you anything?

Just some coffee!

How about you, mom?

Just some grandchildren!

Mom, please don't start on the marriage thing again!

Smellen, you're a competent, intelligent adult! You're not our "little girl" anymore! We just want you to be happy!

Thanks!

Now stop slouching and leaving your clothes all over the living room! And did you finish your Social Studies homework?

Yeah, 18 years ago!

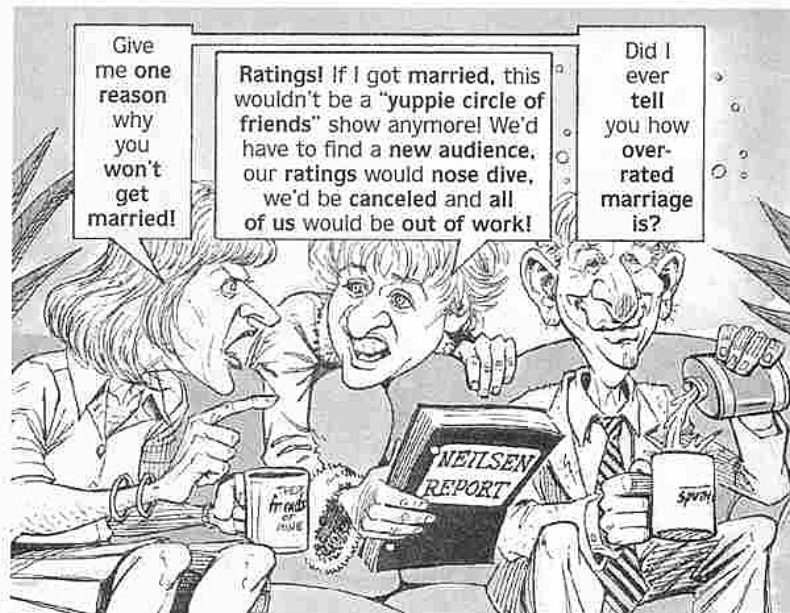


Mom, you need to understand that I'm very content with my life! I have my hobbies! I have my bookstore! I have my friends!

Do you have any plans for Thursday night? The Mitchells are coming over for dinner and they're bringing their single, attractive nephew!

He's a Catholic priest!

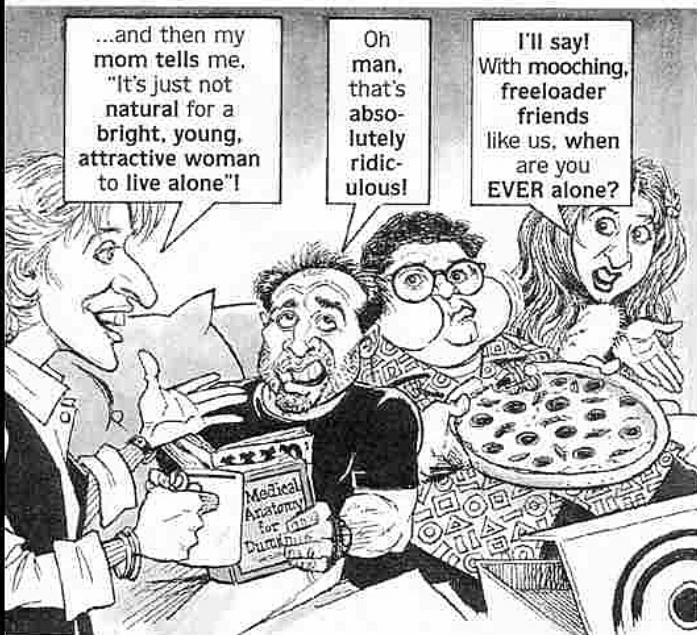
Well, maybe he's not a fanatic about it!



Give me one reason why you won't get married!

Ratings! If I got married, this wouldn't be a "yuppie circle of friends" show anymore! We'd have to find a new audience, our ratings would nose dive, we'd be canceled and all of us would be out of work!

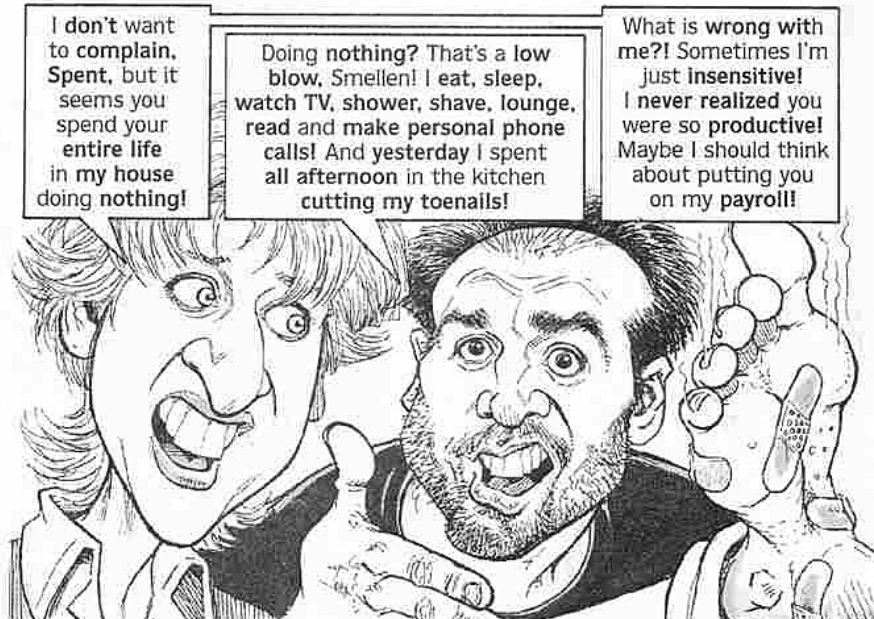
Did I ever tell you how over-rated marriage is?



...and then my mom tells me, "It's just not natural for a bright, young, attractive woman to live alone!"

Oh man, that's absolutely ridiculous!

I'll say! With mooching, freeloader friends like us, when are you EVER alone?



I don't want to complain, Spent, but it seems you spend your entire life in my house doing nothing!

Doing nothing? That's a low blow, Smellen! I eat, sleep, watch TV, shower, shave, lounge, read and make personal phone calls! And yesterday I spent all afternoon in the kitchen cutting my toenails!

What is wrong with me? Sometimes I'm just insensitive! I never realized you were so productive! Maybe I should think about putting you on my payroll!



Hi...
(Pant!Pant!)
guys!

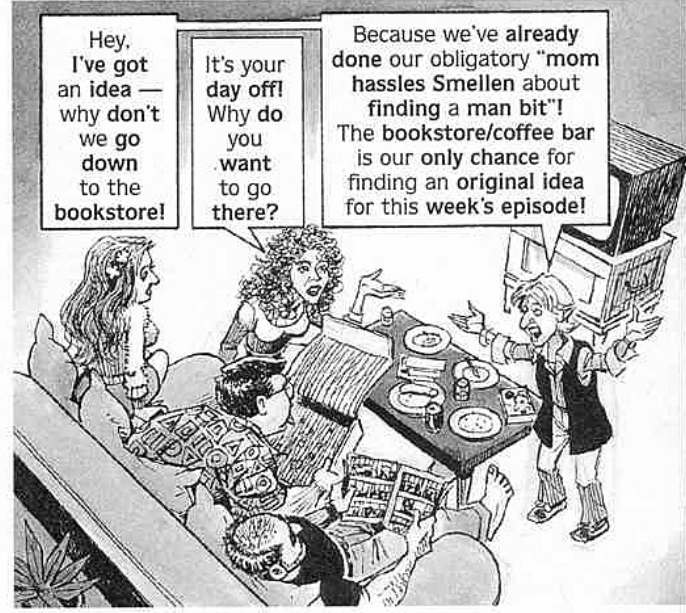
Pain —
you're all
out of
breath!

That new
guy I've
been
seeing...
and I...
were
moving some
furniture...

What furniture?

We made my
bed shake for
20 minutes!
Then we made
my kitchen
table shake!

Shaking tables,
clipping
toenails!
Doesn't any-
one use a
kitchen for
cooking
anymore?!?



Hey,
I've got
an idea —
why don't
we go
down
to the
bookstore!

It's your
day off!
Why do
you
want
to go
there?

Because we've already
done our obligatory "mom
hassles Smellen about
finding a man bit"!
The bookstore/coffee bar
is our only chance for
finding an original idea
for this week's episode!

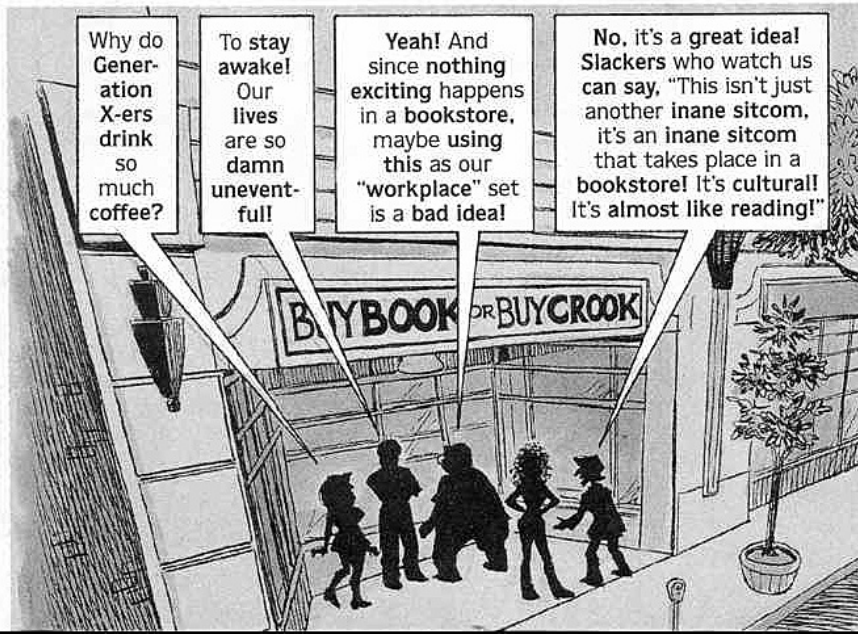
You know, people say
we got our book-
store/coffee bar idea
from *Friends*, which
isn't true at all!
We got our idea from
the diner on
Seinfeld...well, maybe I
shouldn't say that!
The diner on *Seinfeld*
is just called
"Restaurant," and our
bookstore/coffee bar
is called "Buy the
Book," a cute and
marginally
funny store name,
much more like
"Central Perk"
on...*Friends*. Not that
we got any ideas from
them, mind you.



I mean, in "Central Perk" the waitresses are
all attractive, but at "Buy the Book" Jowl
is a fat, unattractive guy with eye-glasses,
just like Newman on...*Seinfeld*. Hoo boy,
that's not where I wanted to go with that!
Wait, I know! On virtually every episode of
this show I perform these seemingly endless
monologues where I talk on and on about
nothing in particular! Well, not really nothing
in particular! But I do it without using any of
the crisp, tight writing you find on either
Friends or *Seinfeld*! I'm proud of that!

Why can't we
do a plot
where
Smellen gets
laryngitis
for a whole
episode?

I'm
thinking
more
like a
two-
parter!

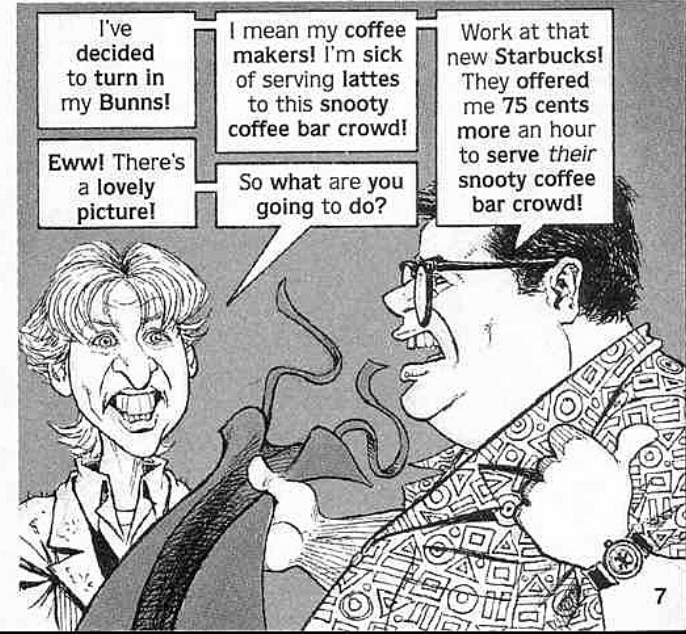


Why do
Genera-
tion
X-ers
drink
so
much
coffee?

To stay
awake!
Our
lives
are so
damn
unevent-
ful!

Yeah! And
since nothing
exciting happens
in a bookstore,
maybe using
this as our
"workplace" set
is a bad idea!

No, it's a great idea!
Slackers who watch us
can say, "This isn't just
another inane sitcom,
it's an inane sitcom
that takes place in a
bookstore! It's cultural!
It's almost like reading!"



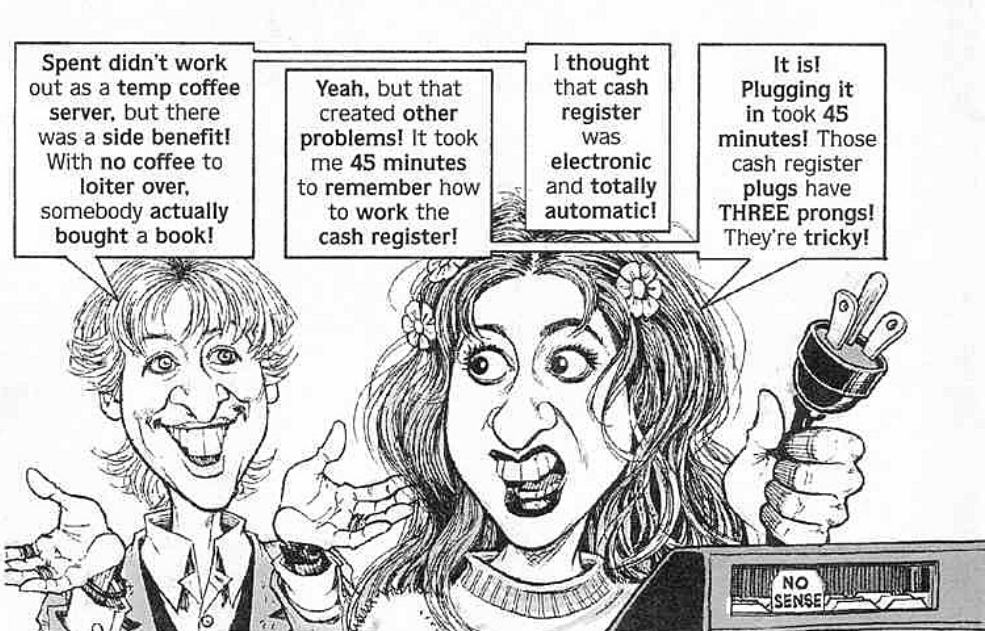
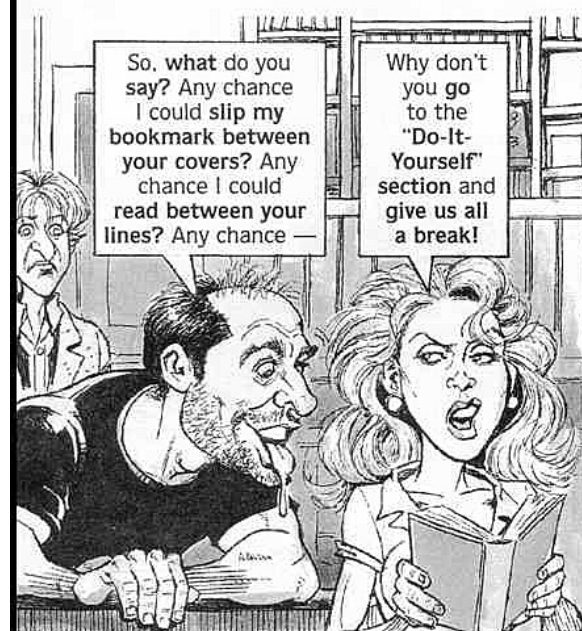
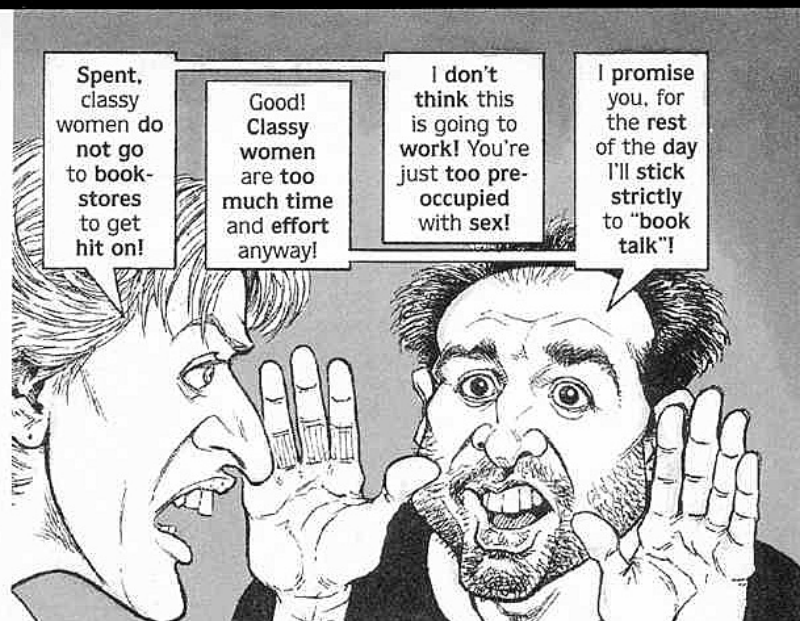
I've
decided
to turn in
my Bunn!

Eww! There's
a lovely
picture!

I mean my coffee
makers! I'm sick
of serving lattes
to this snooty
coffee bar crowd!

So what are you
going to do?

Work at that
new Starbucks!
They offered
me 75 cents
more an hour
to serve their
snooty coffee
bar crowd!



Heck no! All of you ARE the customers!
You all practically live here now —
I'm just starting to charge! I'll
make ten times what I made at the book-
store! Spent, you'll want a monthly rate!
Pain, do you want a monthly or a weekly
rate? And who wants the American Plan?
Who wants the European Plan? And...



BROADCAST SNOOZE DEPT.

So, you're in school all day or working a full-time job and you don't have the time to catch the local midday news? Well then, you have no idea what valuable information you're not getting! Lucky for you, all of our writers are unemployed dropouts, so we'll bring you up to speed by telling you...

WHAT YOU'RE MISSING WHEN YOU MISS THE LOCAL NOON NEWS

ARTIST AND WRITER: JOHN CALDWELL

12:00PM

12:00PM

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT SHE DONE ... SHE FOLDED UP LIKE A TWO DOLLAR SUITCASE IN A WINDSTORM.....

HEY! IS THIS GONNA BE ON IN CHATTANOOGA? MY BROTHER LAMAR LIVES JUST OUTSIDE- HEY, LAMAR!



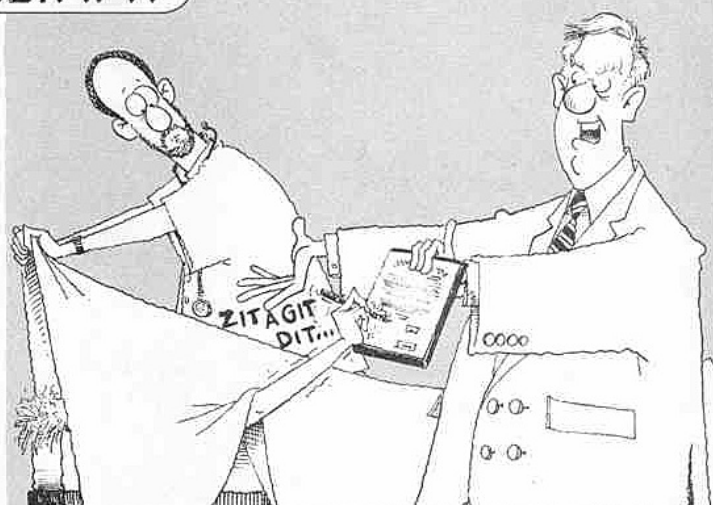
The anchor leads off with the story about a jackknifed tractor trailer that happened sometime after you arrived at work and will be cleaned up well before you head home to watch the six o'clock news.

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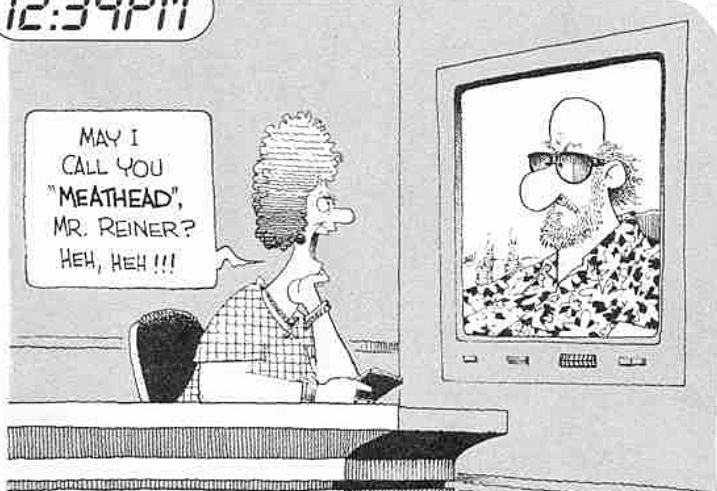
The cooking segment in which a chef from a local restaurant shows you how easy and inexpensive it is to put together a dish that's on his menu for \$22.95.



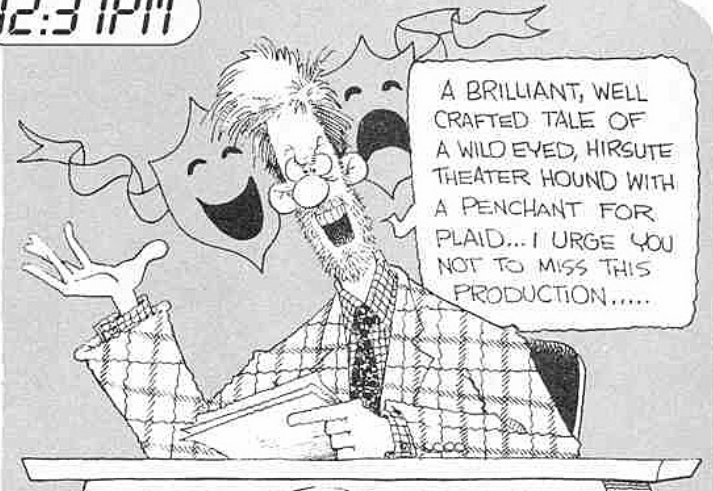
An insurance commercial with Ed McMahon insisting you couldn't be turned down if you were on life support.

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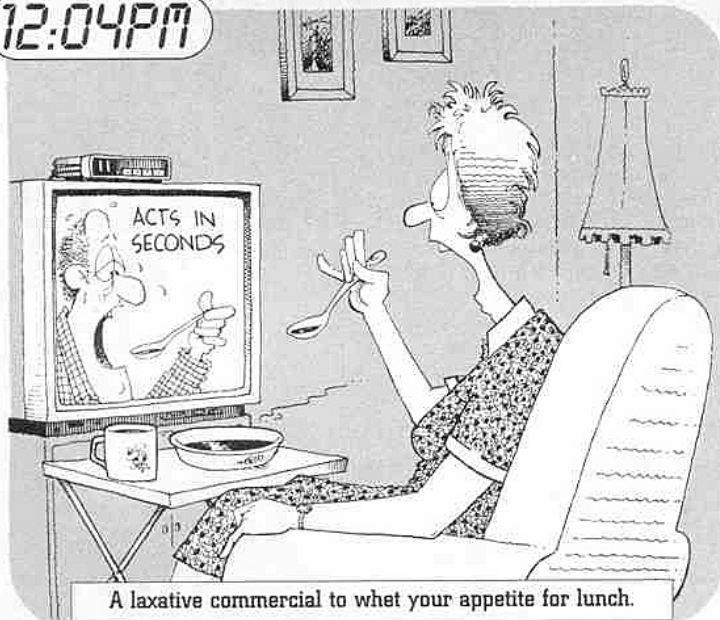


A satellite interview with a Hollywood celebrity hyping his current project and showing the effects of being asked the same cliché questions by the previous three dozen local news anchors.



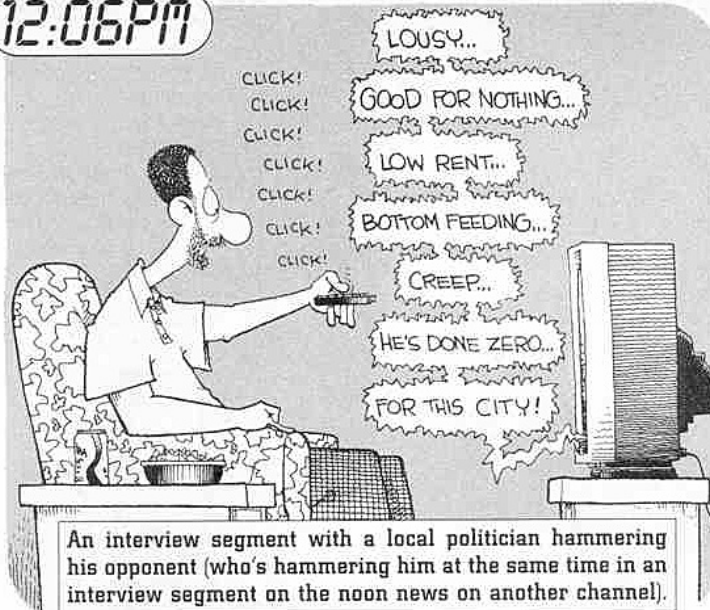
A positive review of a play by a local playwright who was clever enough to give a significant role to the arts reviewer in order to insure himself a decent review.

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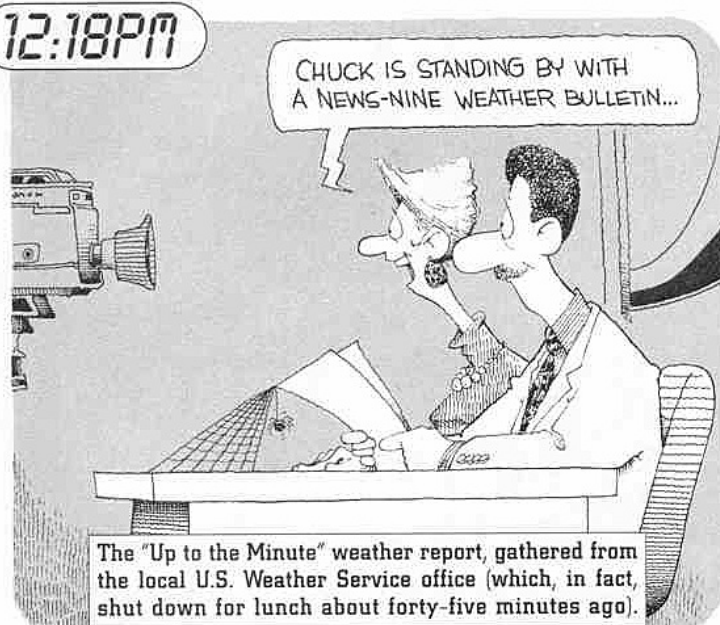
A laxative commercial to whet your appetite for lunch.

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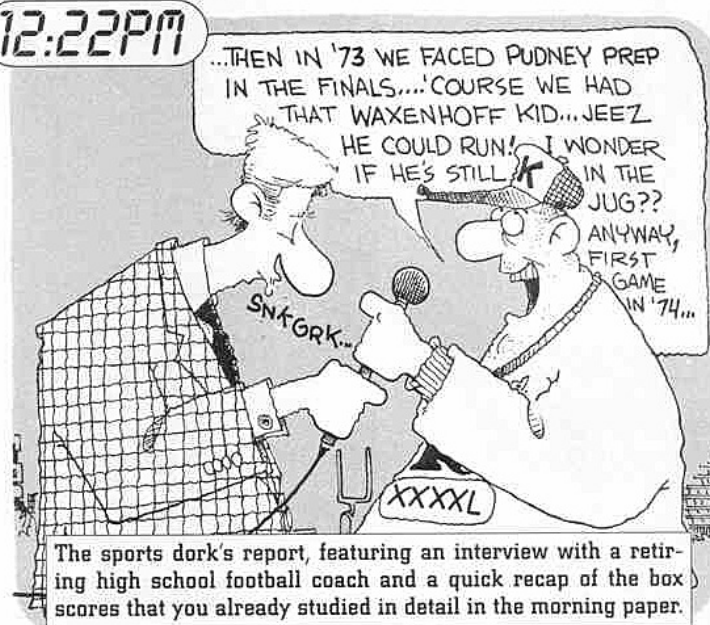
An interview segment with a local politician hammering his opponent (who's hammering him at the same time in an interview segment on the noon news on another channel).

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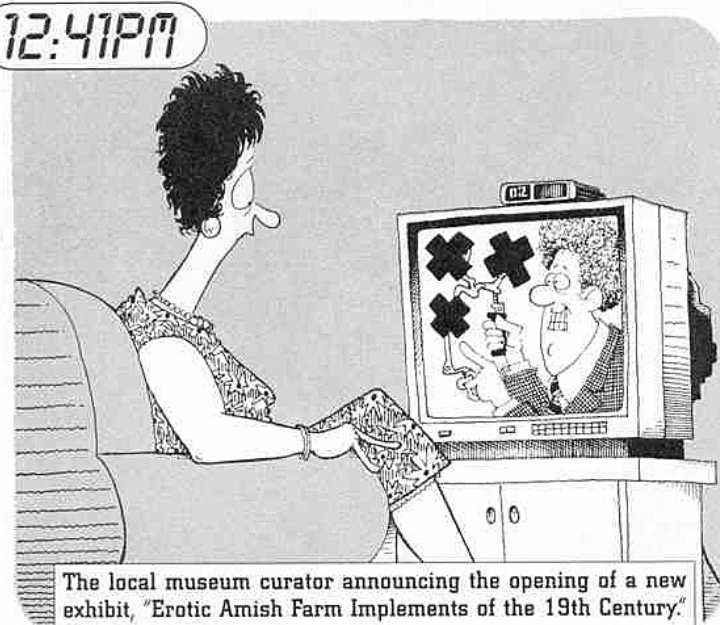
The "Up to the Minute" weather report, gathered from the local U.S. Weather Service office (which, in fact, shut down for lunch about forty-five minutes ago).

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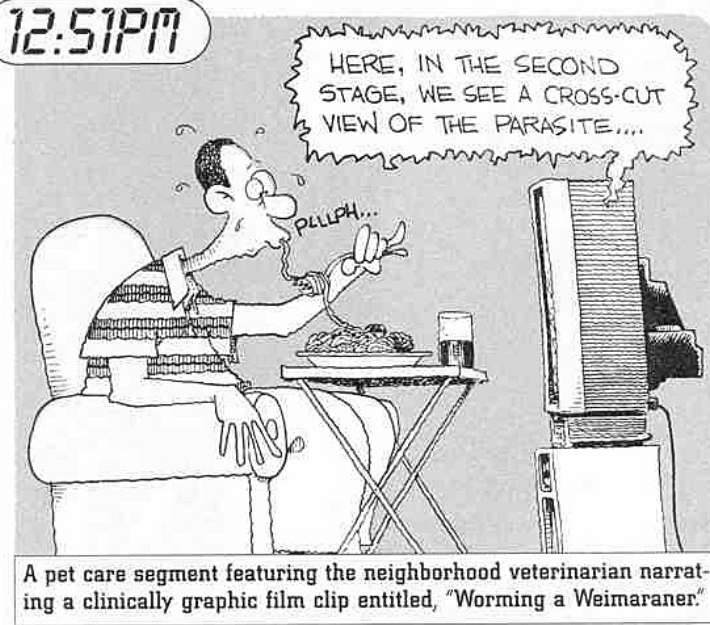
The sports dork's report, featuring an interview with a retiring high school football coach and a quick recap of the box scores that you already studied in detail in the morning paper.

12:41PM



The local museum curator announcing the opening of a new exhibit, "Erotic Amish Farm Implements of the 19th Century."

12:51PM



A pet care segment featuring the neighborhood veterinarian narrating a clinically graphic film clip entitled, "Worming a Weimaraner."

THE FILM-FLAM MAN DEPT.



Hi, I'm Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich! Remember when I was on *Meet The Press* and said the movie *Boys Town* offered a good solution to the problem of broken families? Remember how Americans immediately rushed out to rent this classic film? And how about when I mentioned *Field Of Dreams* as a cure-all for the baseball strike? Thanks to me, video stores couldn't keep enough copies in stock!

Well, it's obvious that my mouth is far more effective than Siskel and Ebert's thumbs when it comes to influencing you, the video-renting public! And it's just as obvious that you're mostly a gullible bunch of suckers, which is why you'll love ...

THE NEWT GINGRICH VIDEO CLUB!

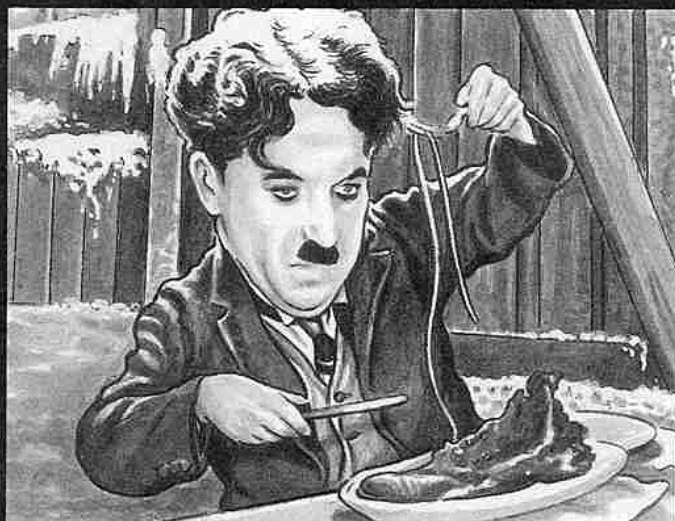
ARTIST: DREW FRIEDMAN

WRITER: BARRY LIEBMANN



"*The Wizard Of Oz* is a heartwarming story that's charmed children and grownups alike for generations! It's the tale of a sweet Kansas farm girl who makes the land she visits 'over the rainbow' a better place to live after she kills two wicked witches in this uplifting musical endorsement of capital punishment!"

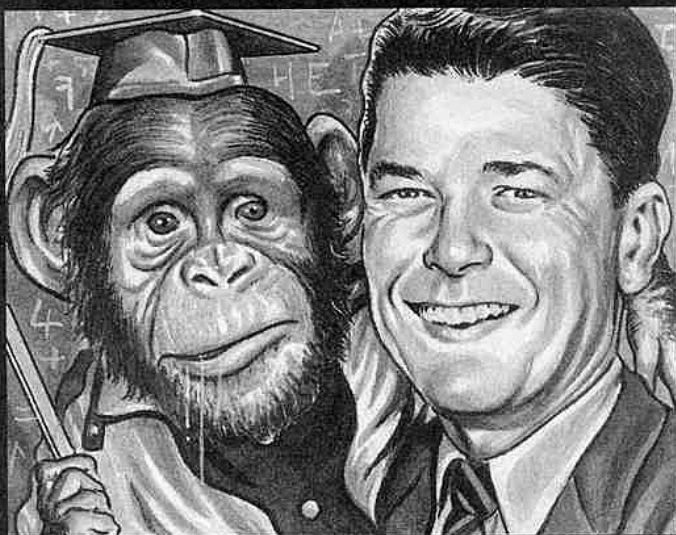
"*The Gold Rush* is one of the indisputable classics of Hollywood's silent era! Starring Charlie Chaplin as the little tramp, this masterpiece brilliantly shows the upbeat side of poverty and hopelessness. In the movie's most memorable sequence, the little tramp eats his own shoe, thus proving you don't have to rely on food stamps to avoid starvation!"



"In the uplifting *Abe Lincoln In Illinois*, a proud Republican goes from poverty to the Oval Office without the use of social programs or midnight basketball!"

"*Soylent Green* is an optimistic tale of the future in which senior citizens are turned into crackers and served to the young, thus eliminating the need for both Social Security and School Lunch programs!"





"*Bonzo Goes To College* is an intellectually stimulating film starring the Father of Modern Conservatism – no no, the guy on the right! You'll laugh, you'll cry and most of all you'll wonder why a chimp can make it through college without student loans and inner-city kids can't!"



With **THE NEWT GINGRICH VIDEO CLUB** you'll never receive a smut film (unless it's produced by Phil Gramm)! No violent films (unless they star good old ultra-conservatives like Arnold Schwarzenegger, Charlton Heston, Bruce Willis and Tom Selleck)! And no paranoid left-wing fantasies by Oliver Stone (just paranoid right-wing fantasies by Jerry Falwell)!

And fans of my Contract With America – especially those fans who didn't bother to read it – will love my video club's blank sheet contract! Just sign it, send it back and we'll fill in the details later!

**Become a member before I'm up for re-election
and we'll send you a free copy of Jesse
Helms' Favorite Ethnic Jokes!**

The **NEWT GINGRICH VIDEO CLUB**—It's the Greatest Boom to Family Values Since the Orphanage!

ORDER FORM

Yes, sign me up immediately! I promise to abide by all rules and regulations, no matter how asinine or economically disastrous. I further realize that if I should ever have an independent thought, or actually cancel my membership, I will be branded a porn-loving, Commie simp and "re-educated" with Rush Limbaugh reruns till I fall in line.

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CITY _____ STATE* _____ ZIP _____

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CHECK OFF THE TYPE OF MOVIES YOU ENJOY:

☐ Cop films in which the hero is unencumbered by liberal rules and regulations.

☐ Westerns in which Indians aren't called Native Americans and nobody cares how many of them get shot.

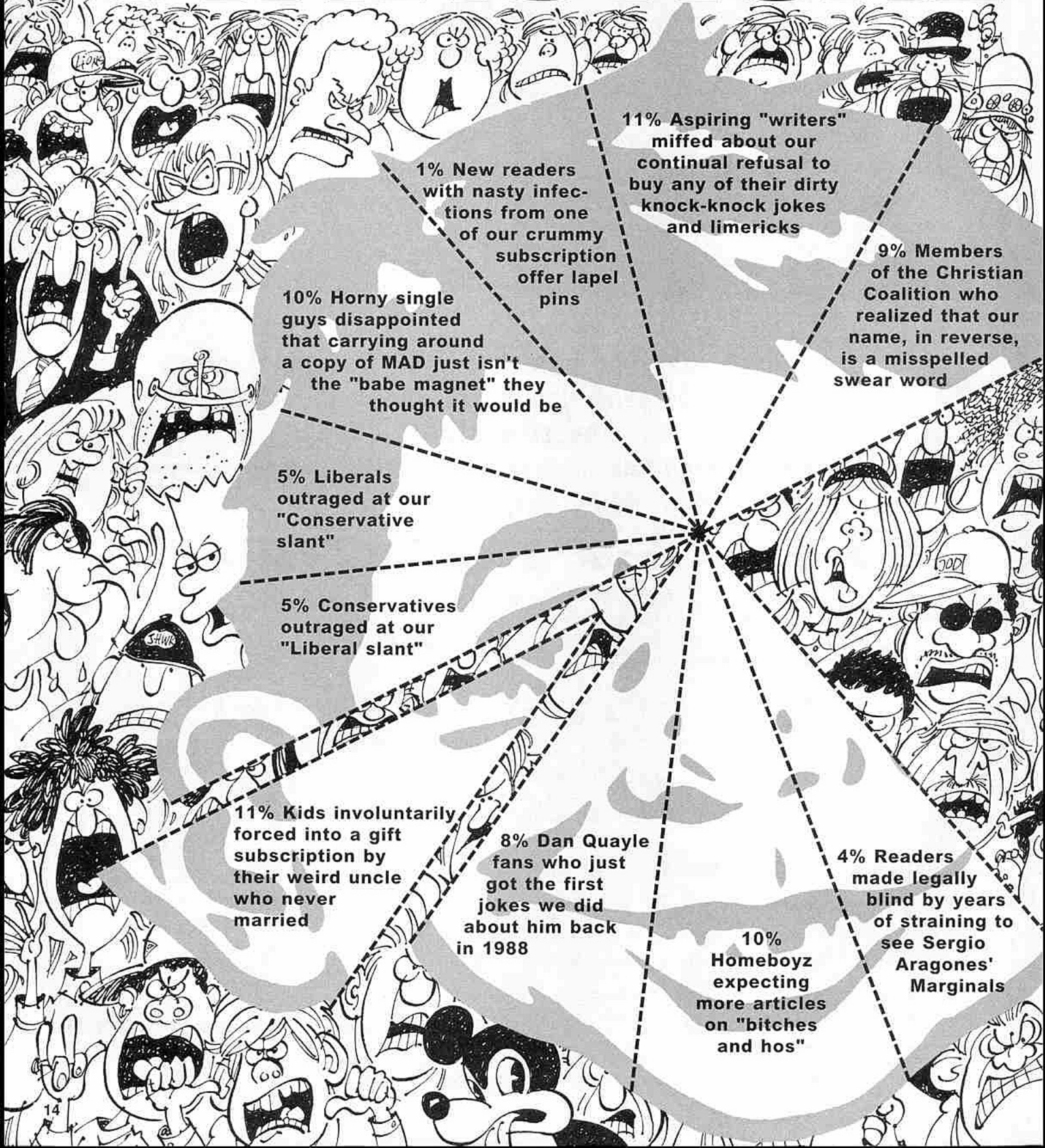
☐ Old-fashioned tear-jerkers in which unwed mothers and their screaming babies all die by the last reel.

☐ Action films in which the hero goes back to Vietnam, releases P.O.W.s and shows how the war could have been won without liberal interference.

Send \$49.95 plus tax for your first video. (If you make over a million dollars a year, forget the tax!) Allow six to eight months for delivery. (If nothing arrives after that, blame the liberals for thirty years of screwing up the Post Office. We do!)

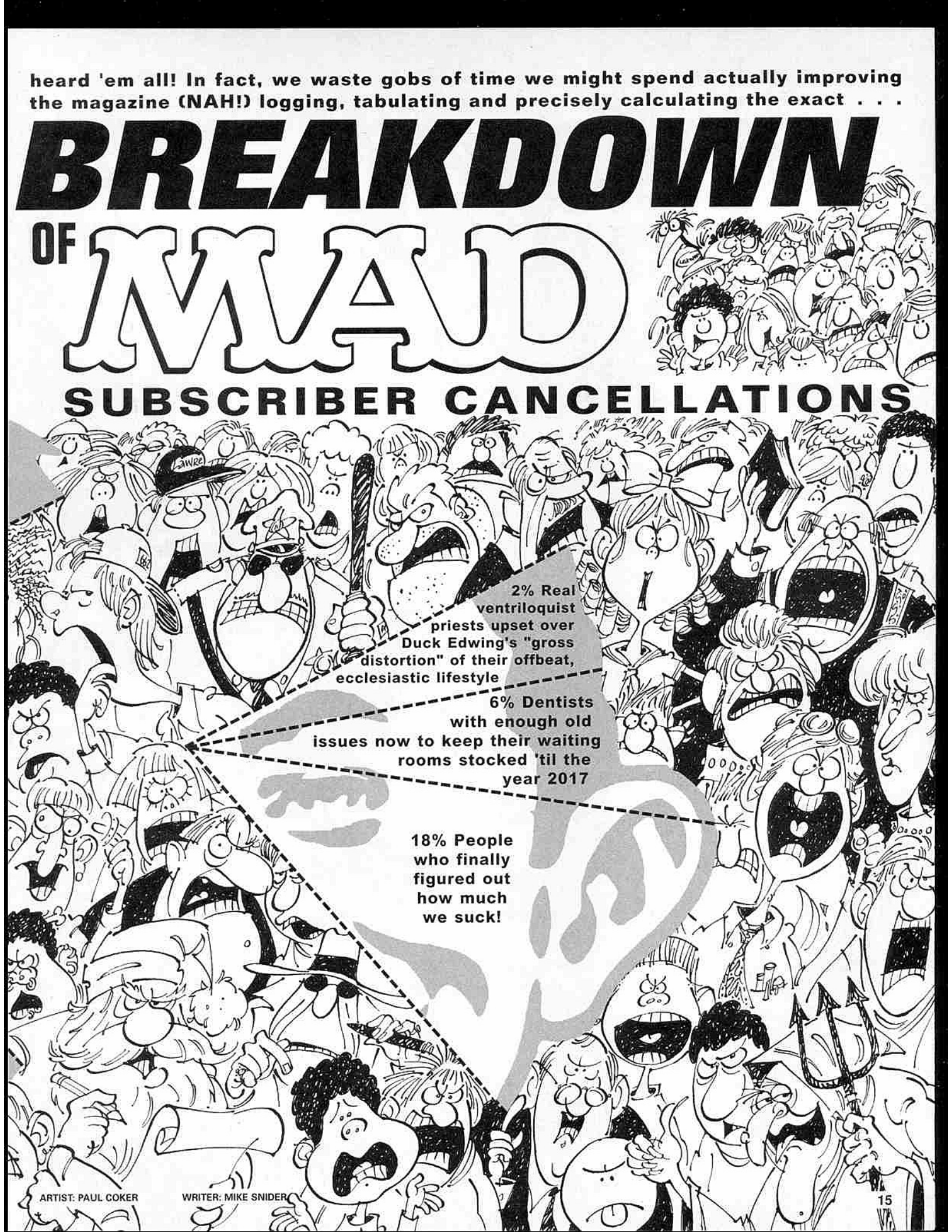
Every 35 seconds, someone cancels their subscription to MAD. Each one believes that their complaint, gripe or nit-pick with us is unique...but they're not; we've

STATISTICAL



heard 'em all! In fact, we waste gobs of time we might spend actually improving the magazine (NAH!) logging, tabulating and precisely calculating the exact . . .

BREAKDOWN OF MAD SUBSCRIBER CANCELLATIONS

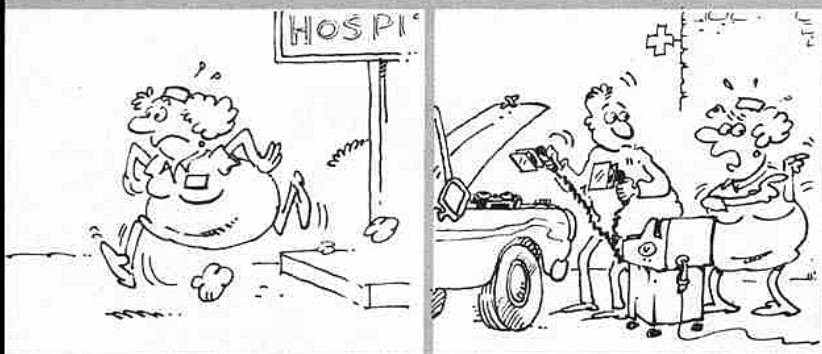


2% Real
ventriloquist
priests upset over
Duck Edwing's "gross
distortion" of their offbeat,
ecclesiastic lifestyle

6% Dentists
with enough old
issues now to keep their waiting
rooms stocked 'til the
year 2017

18% People
who finally
figured out
how much
we suck!

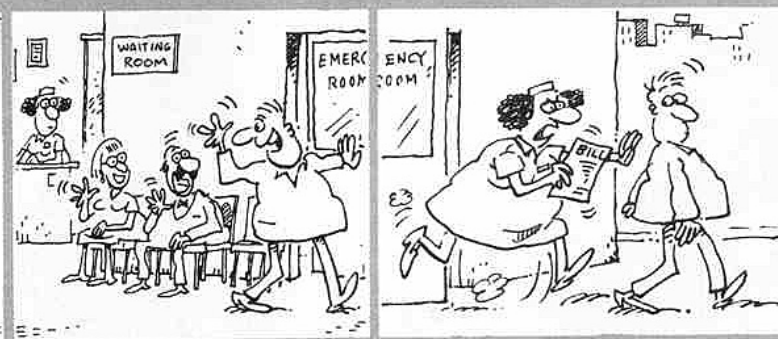
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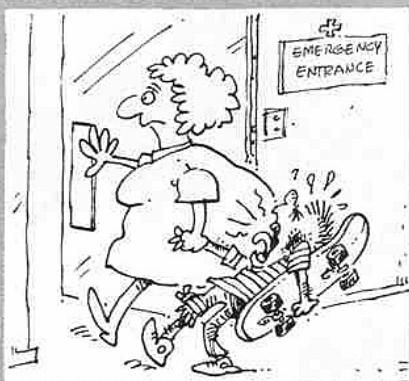
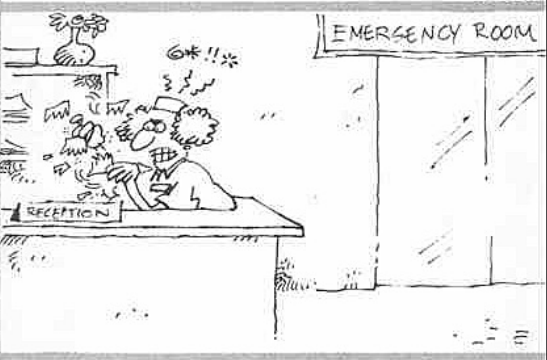
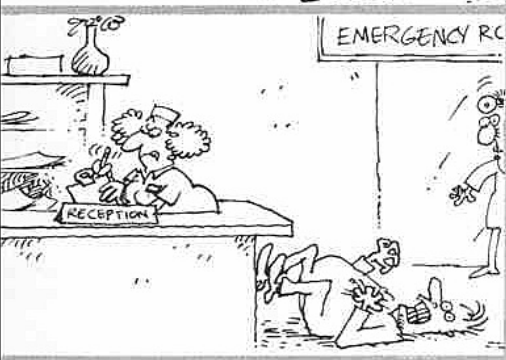


NOW THAT IT'S ALL OVER — we think Wrestlemania was fixed!

EMERGENCY ROOMS

ARTIST AND WRITER: SERGIO ARAGONES





THE FRIGHT STUFF DEPT.

In 1933, Franklin Delano Roosevelt told an anxious nation, "We have nothing to fear but fear itself!" But how the

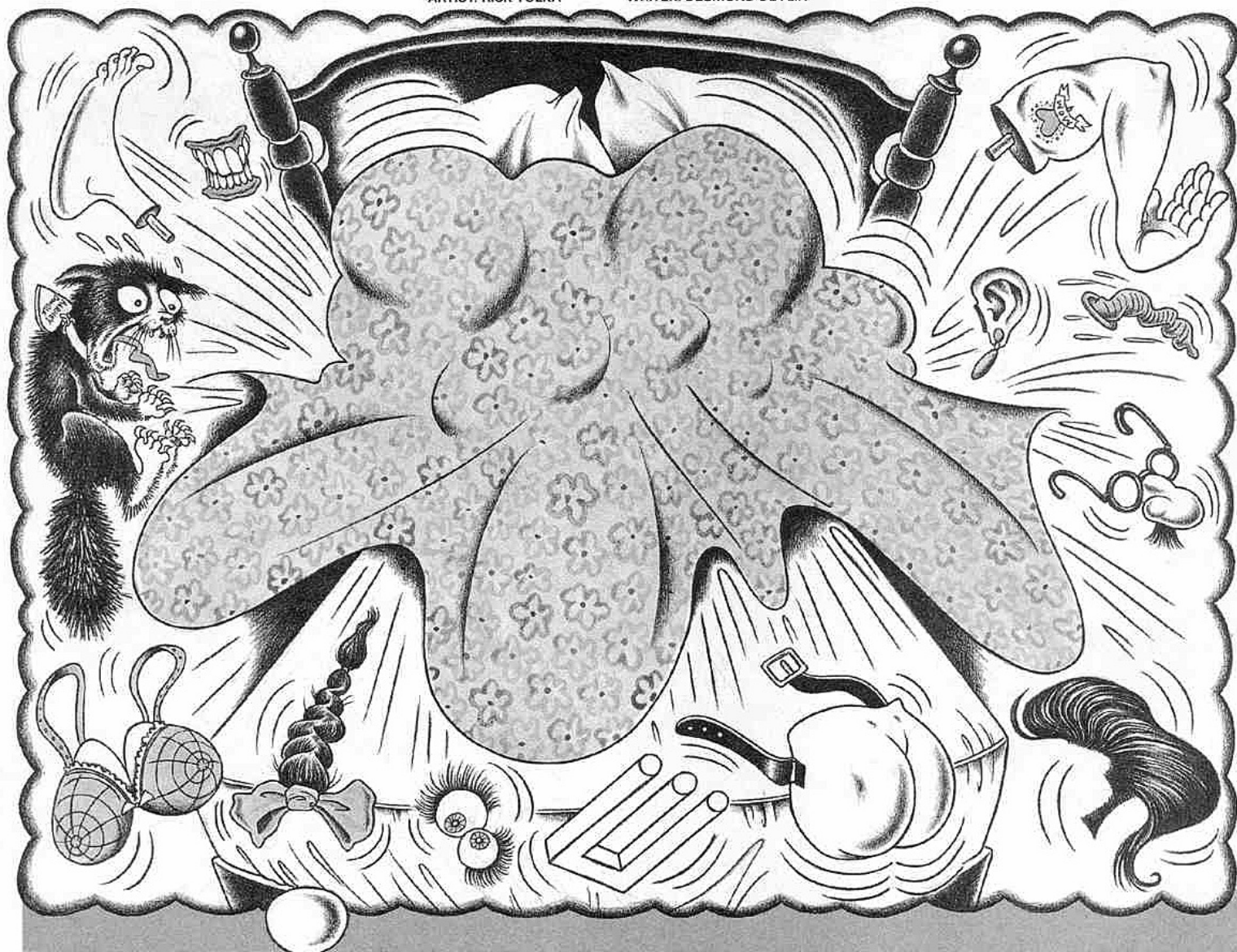


heck can we trust a guy who'd marry somebody who looked like Eleanor? Whoo-ee! Be afraid, be very afraid of . . .

MORE CHILLING THOUGHTS

ARTIST: RICK TULKA

WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN



Between the popularity of hair extensions, colored contact lenses, the Wonderbra, Rogaine, tooth caps and the like, you never know precisely which phony part might suddenly pop off your next sexual partner!



Now that everybody knows exactly how much you can get for old comic books, Godzilla toys and TV lunchboxes, no one will ever throw out one piece of crap, ever, ever again!

After you commit some horrible crime, it takes longer for the police to press charges than it does for somebody to set up a Web page in your honor!



H. Ross Perot can afford to run for President at least 17 more times!



It's only 42 years before Jean-Claude Van Damme receives his Irving Thalberg lifetime achievement award!

Since the 9-digit zip code has actually been a marginal improvement over the old 5-digit kind, you can bet they're planning a 17-digit system for real success!



There are hundreds of slimy sports collectors who would step on each other's heads to get their bid in on Mickey Mantle's original liver!



After a few well-chosen Congressmen get finished eradicating the Clean Water Act, your local river probably won't be quite as pure and crystal clean as it is today!



John Turturro, Kevin Kline and Emma Thompson's whole bodies don't get paid as much as Michael Douglas' ass!



The O.J. Simpson trial gives us an idea of how lawyers behave when they know that other people are looking!

When Dr. Dre's children become teenagers, they're going to have to find music that'll upset and annoy him!

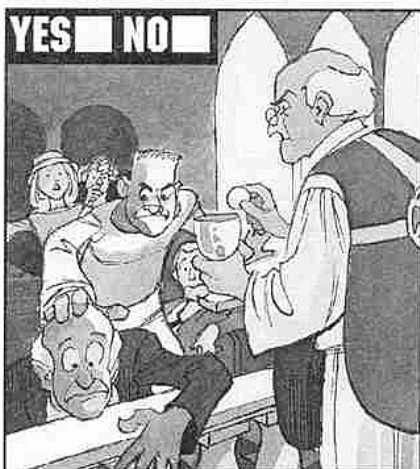


If Kathie Lee Gifford doesn't mind telling the whole country about Cody's poopies, imagine how she'll be when the kid starts to hit puberty!

STRESSED TO KILL DEPT.

ACCORDING TO FREUD, THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF PERSONALITIES IN THE WORLD, "TYPE A" – THE PUSHY, OBNOXIOUS BULLY PEOPLE – AND "TYPE B" – THE PEOPLE WHO ARE PUSHED AROUND AND BULLIED BY "TYPE A" PEOPLE! INTO WHICH CATEGORY DO YOU FALL? TAKE THIS LITTLE QUIZ AND YOU'LL BE ABLE TO ANSWER THE QUESTION...

In church, do you muscle up to the front of the line to receive communion?



YES ■ NO ■

At wine tastings, do you ask the steward just to put 'em all in one glass for you to chug?



YES ■ NO ■

ARE
YOU



YES ■ NO ■

Is your attitude "If you've seen one of your kids being born, you've seen 'em all"?



YES ■ NO ■

Have you ever sped up a game of darts by throwing all ten of them at once?

Have you found a route to work that cuts six minutes off your commute, assuming those damn %!@ retirees get out of the way in time?*



YES ■ NO ■

A

“TYPE A”

PERSONALITY?



At the Super Bowl, do you head for the exit as soon as the coin flip lands to beat the crowd?



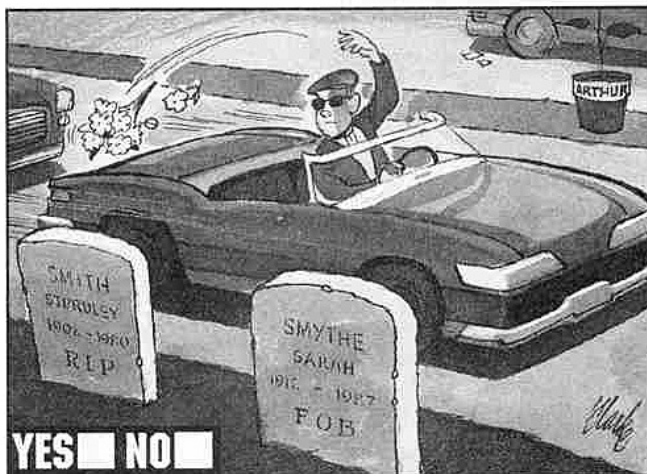
Do you play "books on tape" in the fast forward mode?

Do you get the jump on the other passengers by pulling your luggage down from the overhead compartments while the plane's still over the Atlantic Ocean?



Do you feed your fish a year's worth of food in one sitting?

Do you shave, brush your teeth and go to the bathroom in the shower to save time?



Did you pay extra to have your loved one's gravesites right next to the road, so you can pay your respects without having to come to a complete stop?

SCORING

If you said "Yes" to 0-4 of these questions, you are a low-key, copacetic individual. You're the kind of person who has to lie down after watching one of those action-packed Bob Ross painting shows on PBS.

If you said "Yes" to 5-8 of these questions, you are definitely a mid-level maniac. You may want to consider having Velcro sewn into your chest - it'll make the frequent heart bypass surgeries you'll be having go a lot quicker.

If you threw this damn magazine out the window because you couldn't find the stupid pen to take this damn quiz in the first place, you are the ideal "Type A" personality! We won't say what the "A" stands for, but it rhymes with "gashole."

AN EMBARRASSMENT OF RICHARD'S DEPT.

The attic is a place for remembrances: a stack of love letters, old photos, Dad's army uniform. But the world is forever changing. As we hurtle towards the year 2001, we bet the things kept in attics will change, too. So join us as we head upstairs, dust off the cobwebs and peek ahead in a modern attic to examine these...

The Wedding Dress Worn
by Mom at Her First, Second
and Fourth Weddings

The Floppy Disk
of Dad's E-Mail Love
Letters to Mom

An Album of
Three Generations
of Pre-Nuptial
Agreements

Early, Primitive
Sports Clothing That
Didn't Have Any
Company Logos

A Bronzed Pair of Baby's
First \$100 Running Shoes

Dad's Layoff Notice
from AT&T

Mom's Layoff Notice
from IBM

HEIRLOOMS OF THE FUTURE

ARTIST: JAMES WARHOLA

WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO

Last Photo of Grandma
(taken with Dr. Kevorkian)

A Quilt
Hand-Ordered
by Grandma
from the Home
Shopping Network

The Canadian Visa Grandpa
Used When He Left the States
to Avoid the Vietnam Draft

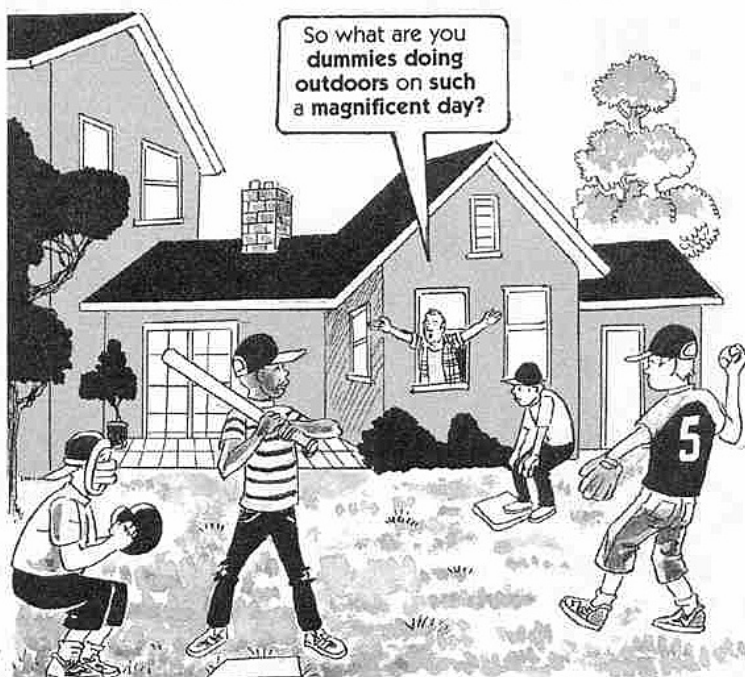
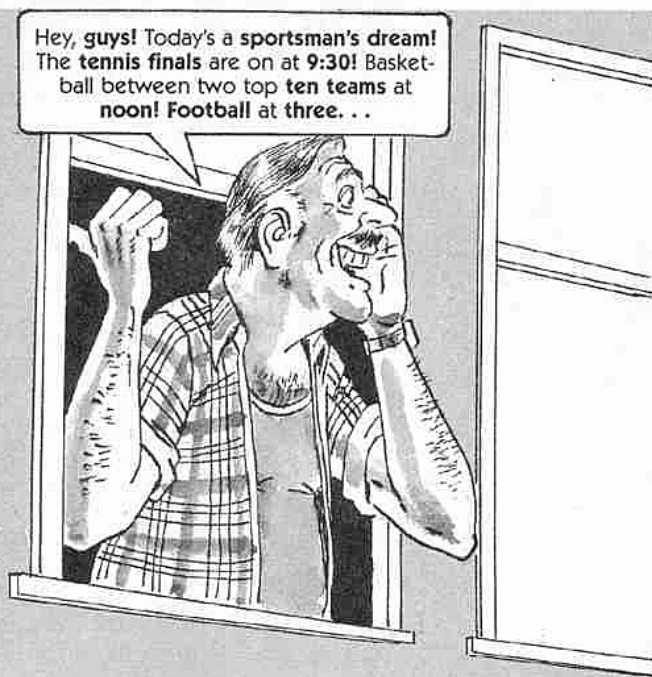
Cousin Timmy's First
Bottle of Ritalin

Mom's Removed Leaky
Silicone Breast Implants

Aunt Fran's Paint-Splattered
Fur Coat After Her Run-In
with an Anti-Fur Group

Mom and Dad's
Wedding Night Video

ACTIVITIES



BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

THE LIGHTE

TRAVEL



NOW THAT IT'S ALL OVER — that *Calvin and Hobbes* kid would have hallucinated a lot less if his comic strip parents had given him some Ritalin!

EDUCATION



R SIDE OF...

FEAR

ARTIST AND WRITER: DAVE BERG



CONFIDENCE

Out of gas? You didn't check the tank before you took us out here to oblivion? We're gonna die out here! They'll never find us!

Don't worry about it! I owe the government a fortune on my student loans!



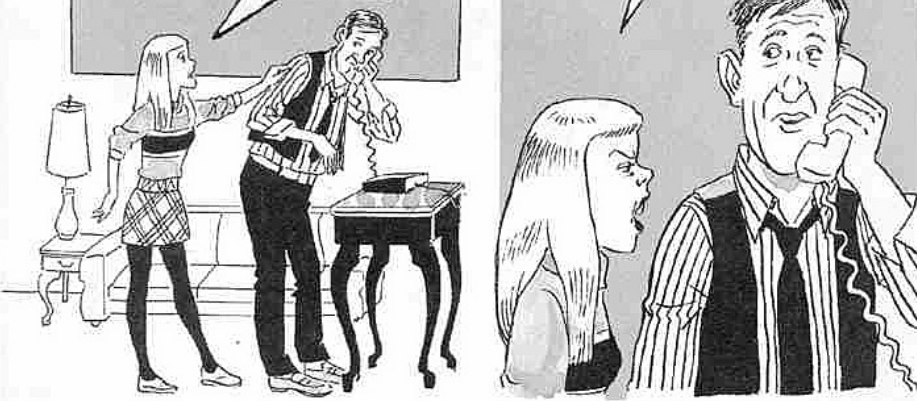
Believe me, they'll find us!



COMMUNICATION

Dad, please finish your conversation soon! I'm expecting an important call from my boyfriend!

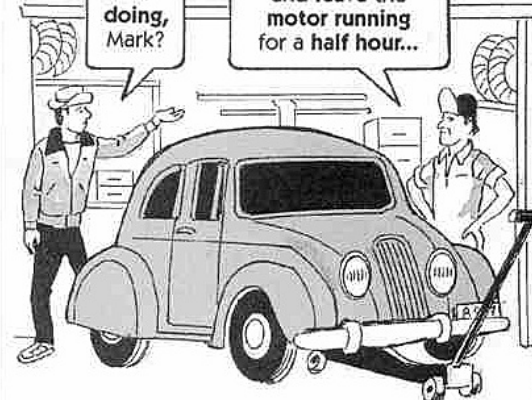
And I need you to tell him I'm not talking to him!



CARS

So how's my car doing, Mark?

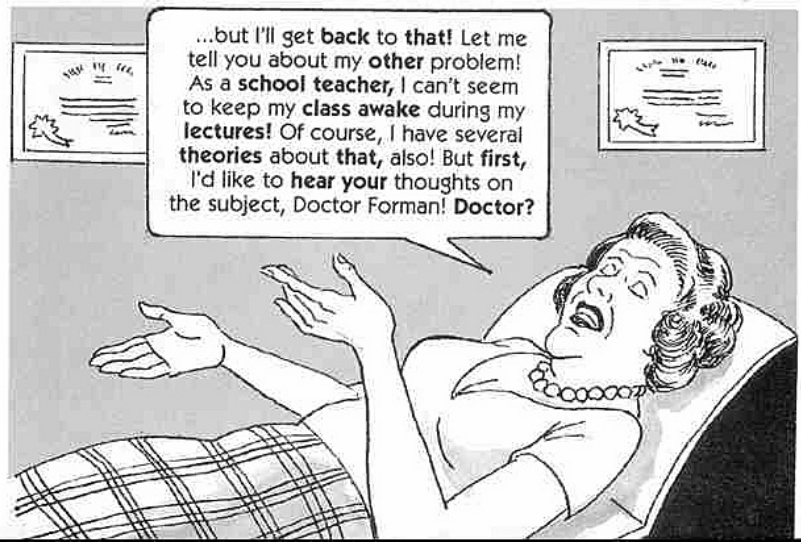
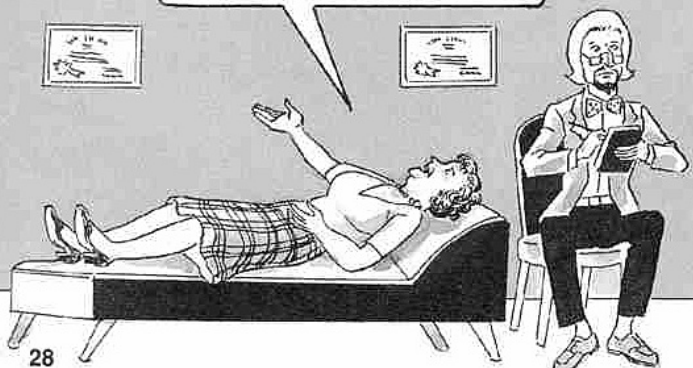
What I suggest you do is put the key in the ignition and leave the motor running for a half hour...



THERAPY

Doctor Forman, I have two major problems in my personal life! The first is that I don't sleep well at night! I have several theories about why that happens...

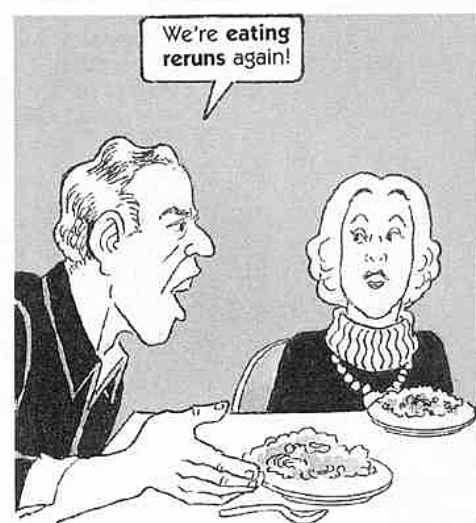
...but I'll get back to that! Let me tell you about my other problem! As a school teacher, I can't seem to keep my class awake during my lectures! Of course, I have several theories about that, also! But first, I'd like to hear your thoughts on the subject, Doctor Forman! Doctor?



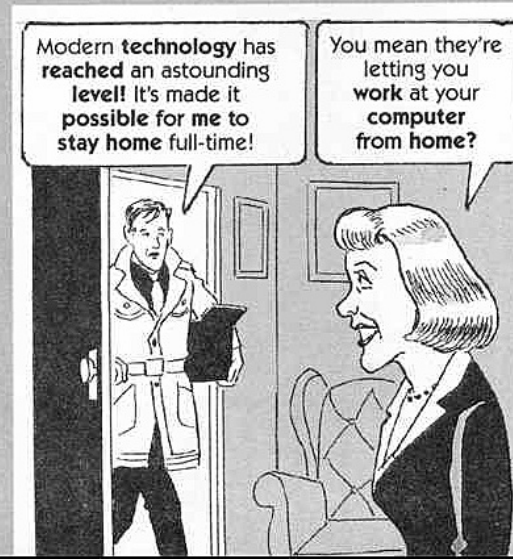
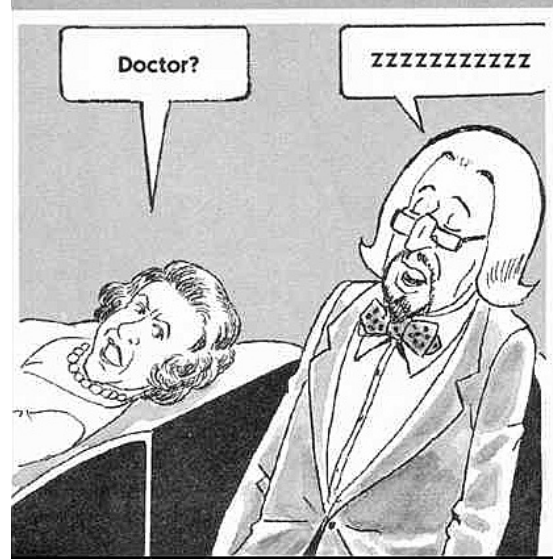
CRIME



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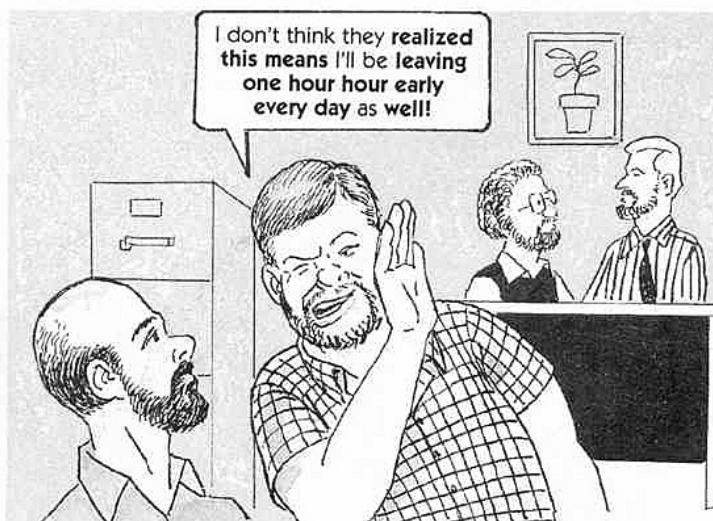


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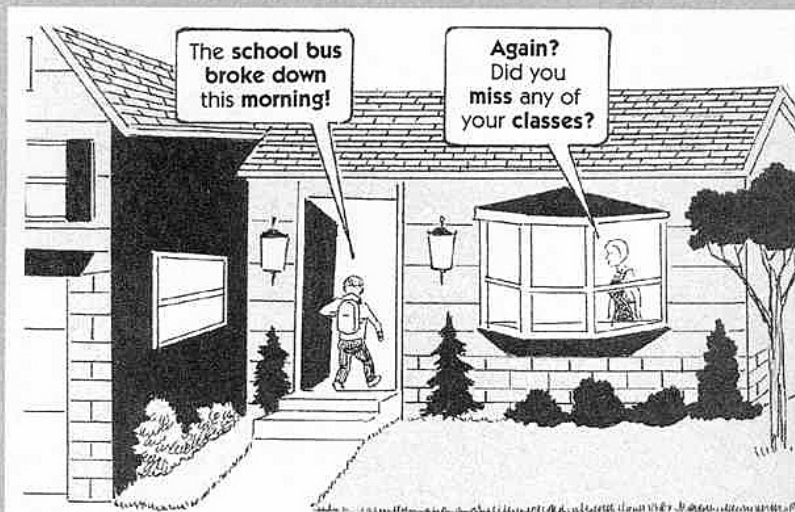


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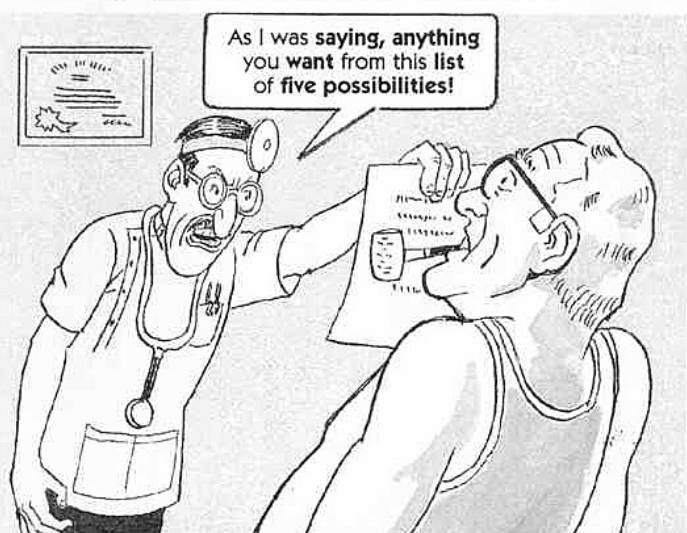
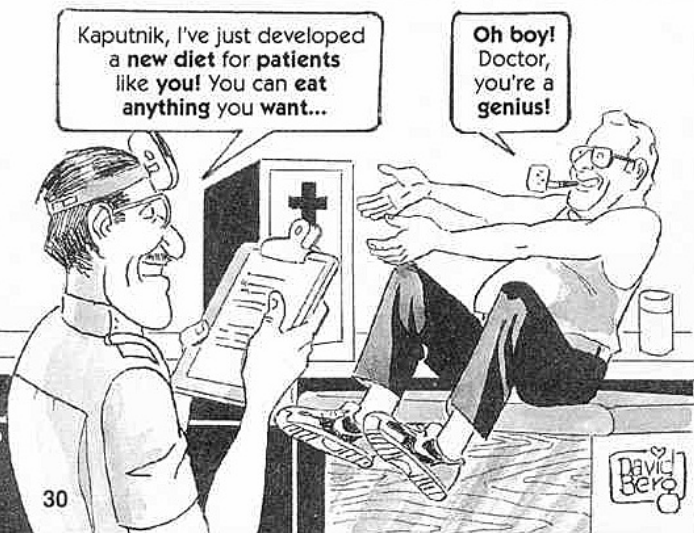
NOW THAT IT'S ALL OVER — can anyone remember a single sketch from the first season of *MAD TV*?



BAD LUCK

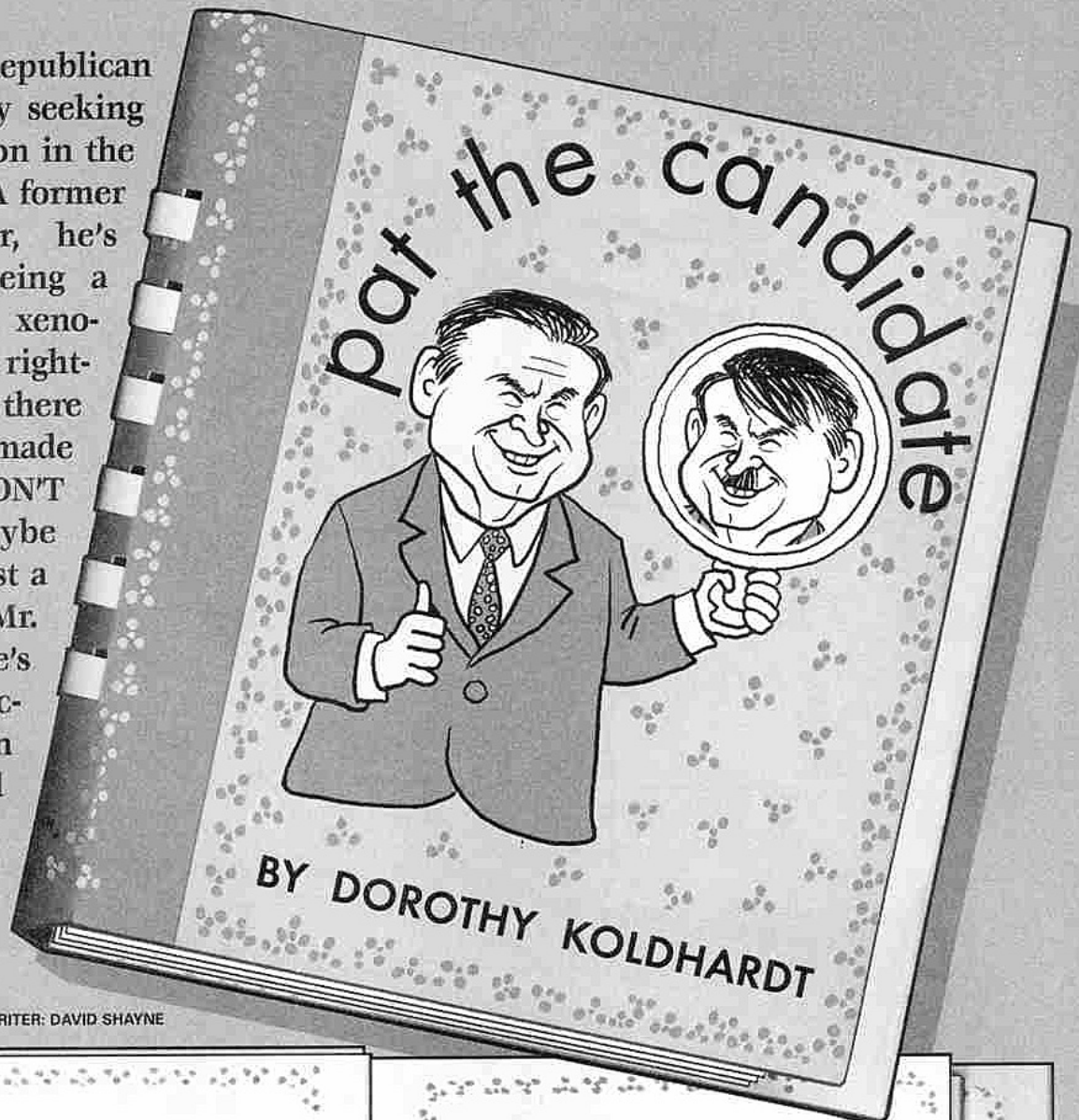


DOCTORS



LOOSE BUCHANAN DEPT.

There's a certain Republican out there desperately seeking his party's nomination in the upcoming election! A former Nixon speechwriter, he's been accused of being a racist, homophobic, xenophobic, gun-toting right-winger! And then there are the comments made by people who DON'T like him! But maybe people have been just a little too tough on Mr. Buchanan! Why, he's as lovable as a character in a kid's book! In fact, we're surprised that no one's yet published...



ARTIST: SAM VIVIANO

WRITER: DAVID SHAYNE

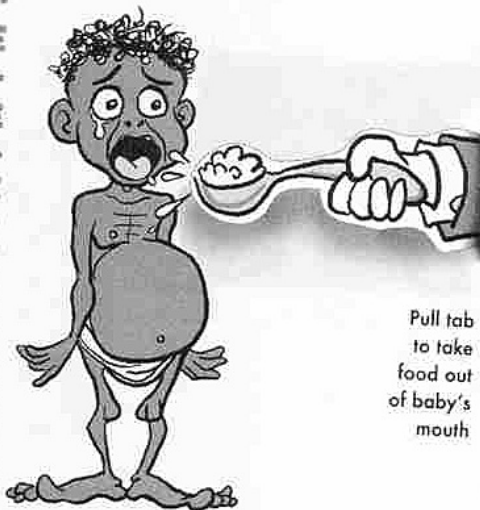
This is Pat.
He is running
for President.
You can run for
President, too.





Pat can cut
foreign aid.

Now YOU cut
foreign aid.



Pull tab
to take
food out
of baby's
mouth

Pat can take a hard line
against immigration.



Now YOU take
a hard line against
immigration.



Pull tab to kick Jose Wetback's
tushy back to where it came from



Pat can indulge
in environmental
budget cuts.

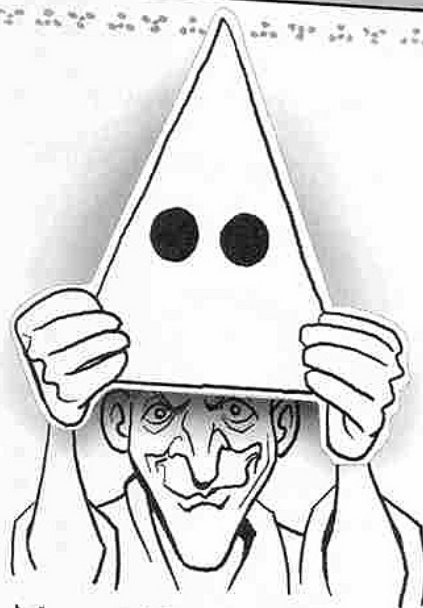
Now YOU indulge
in environmental
budget cuts.



Pat can help his
campaign chairman
prepare for his speech.



Now YOU help him
prepare for his speech.



Pull here

to lower hood



Pat can change
women's lives.

Daily Poop

BUCHANAN COURT BANS ABORTION

Now Constitutionally Prohibited



Washington (AP) — In a landmark decision, the Buchanan re-aligned, conservative Supreme Court overturned the controversial *Roe v. Wade* today, and ruled that Abortion is no longer a constitutionally protected right. In other

Now YOU change
women's lives.



Open door to enter Illegal Abortion Clinic

Pat can excite
his supporters with
a fiery speech.



Now YOU excite
his supporters with
a fiery speech.



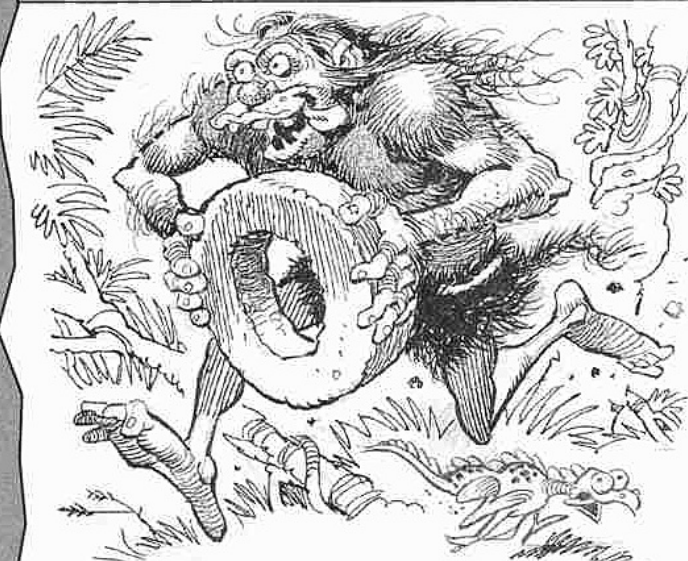
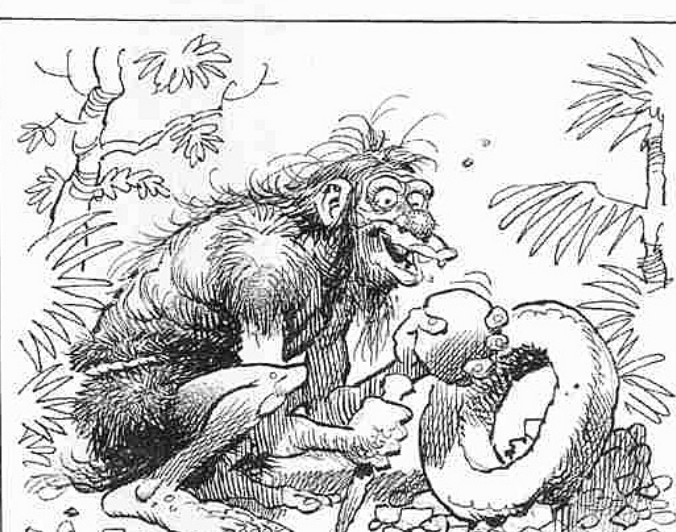
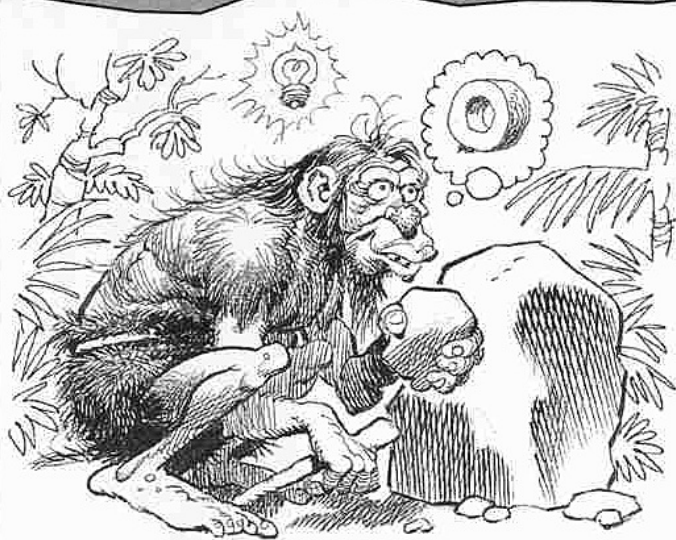
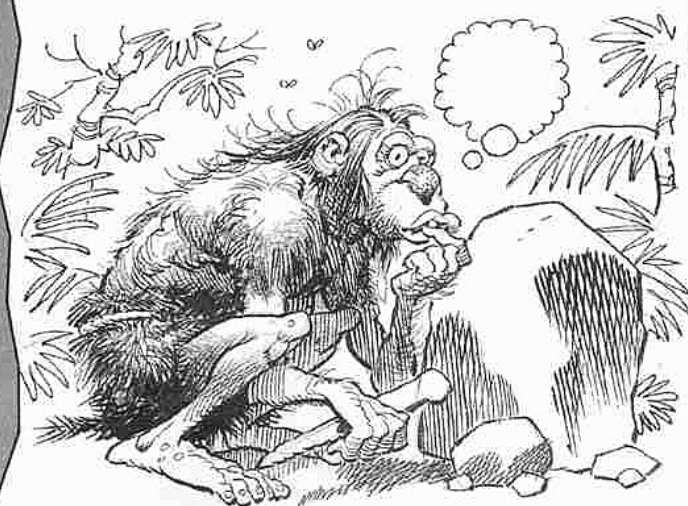
Hitler was an
individual of
great courage,
a soldier's soldier,
a political organizer
of the first rank.

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to Heil Pat

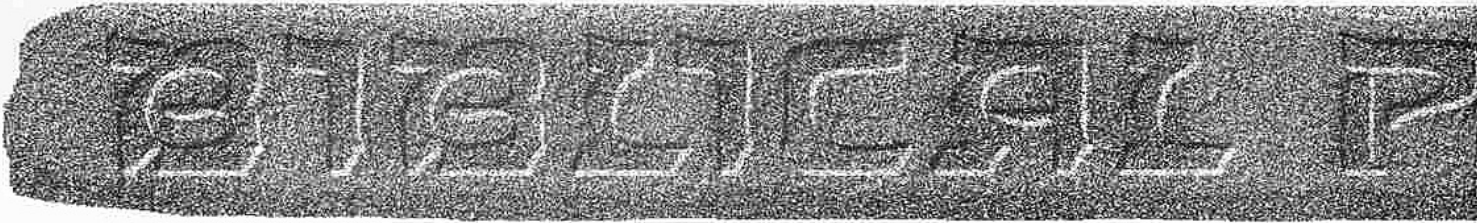


JUNE 3, ONE MILLION B.C.



IN THE NAME OF THE BOTHER DEPT.

The Bible is the most read, quoted and sworn upon book in the world. And why not? It speaks of an era when mountains tumbled, seas parted and miracles were as common as topless babes



Finding out that marrying a thousand wives means that you also end up with 97,456 in-laws, none of whom have a job!



Trying to find something new each year to give Methuselab for his birthday!

Finding out that the unicorns you saved were really the Birnbaums in disguise!

Sweating out those five-day waiting periods for slingshots!

Gee, thanks,
a tie – just
like the one
Ahab got me
in 312 B.C.!



Love to help you
David, but the
law's the law!



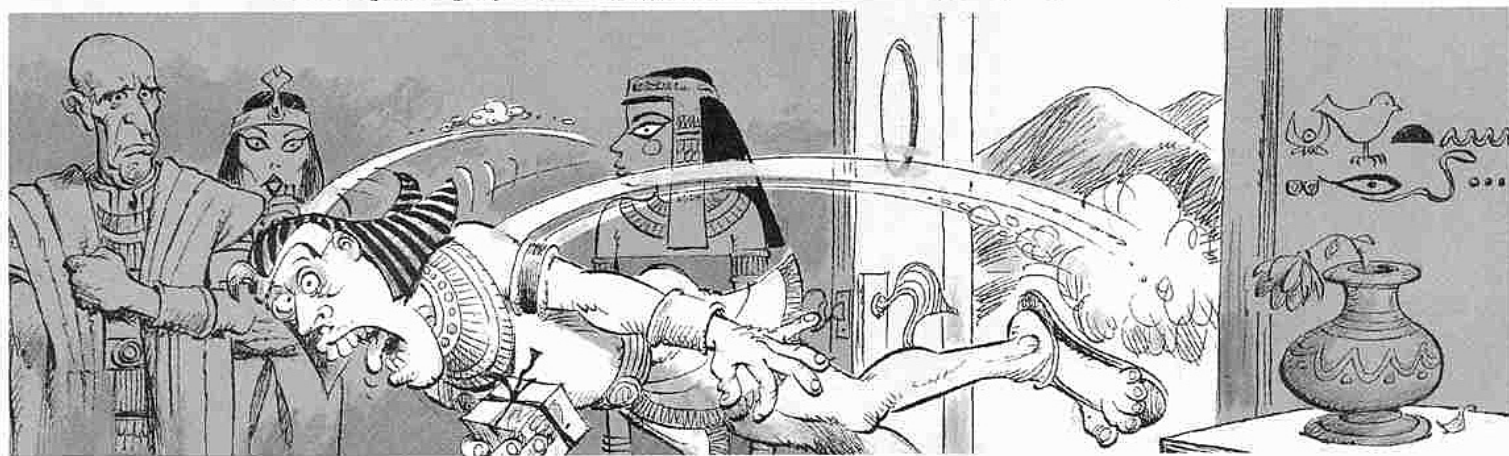
in a Joe Eszterhas film! But often overlooked are those legendary and not-so-legendary figures who got the short end of the cosmic stick. Here are just a few of the more noteworthy...

ET PEEEES

Working as a lifeguard in an area filled with Messiah wannabes!



Learning that a plague is killing off all the first-born males right before your school prom!



Wandering in the desert for forty years because your holier-than-thou husband is too stubborn to ask for directions!



Having your life insurance money taken away from you just because your husband has risen from the dead!

Sorry madam, but in section 16-A of your policy it specifically states, "In the event the insured rises from the dead, all beneficiary's claims shall be considered null and void, and all collected moneys returned immediately to Mutual of Bethlehem."



Having your town used for Spring Break by teenagers from Sodom and Gomorrah!

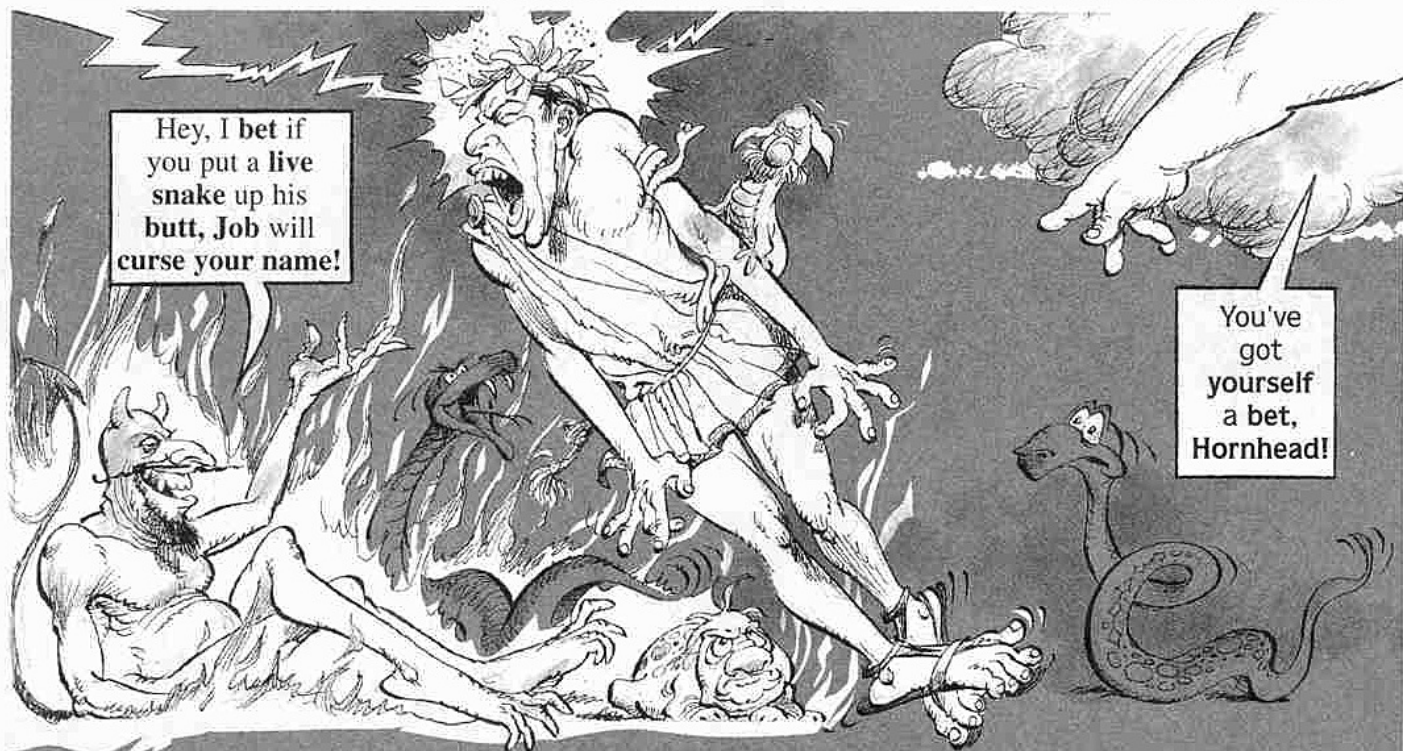
**TOGA PARTY!
TOGA PARTY!**



Learning that the only reason God made you endure tragedy after tragedy was because He has a lousy bet going with Satan!

Hey, I bet if you put a live snake up his butt, Job will curse your name!

You've got yourself a bet, Hornhead!



FLIER BEWARE DEPT.

Here's a look at something showing up on people's doorsteps in greater and greater numbers every week! We wish they'd go away, but everytime we open our door, there they are! No, we're not talking about Jehovah's Witnesses! We're talking about those annoying sales circulars that sort of resemble...

THE NEIGHBORHOOD PENNYPINCHER

FREE!
(LIKE ANYONE WOULD
PAY FOR THIS PIECE
OF @#%\$^!)

**BOGUS
BARGAINS!**

**no-BIG-deal
SAVINGS**

**WORTHLESS
COUPONS!**

ARTIST: STEVE SMALLWOOD
WRITER: MIKE SNIDER

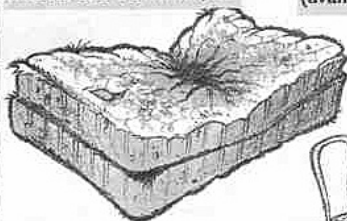
"THE PENNYPINCHER! Cluttering up doorways and front lawns since 1981!"

SMILING SAM'S USED MOTEL FURNITURE BARN

LOWEST prices this side of Bangladesh!

Member of the Association
of Small Businessmen Who
Hope a Lousy Seal Will
Con People into Believing
They're Honest

Saggy-in-the-middle
mattress set.....\$25



Cigarette-smoke-infested
sofa & chairs.....\$15
(available in regular AND mentholl!)



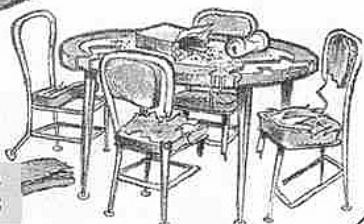
Lime-green extra-deep pile
shag carpet.....39¢ yard
(re-live the '70s every day!)



We cater to the unemployed
and minimum-wage workers!

	SKID ROW
MAIN	X

Eisenhower-era Formica
dinettes.....\$3



Pressed CardBoard(TM)
dressers & chests.....\$1



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THE PENNYPINCHER assumes that roughly *half* the ads in here are fraudulent!

"I ADVERTISE IN THE PENNYPINCHER BECAUSE...

the people who even bother to
open this rag are exactly the kind
of gullible morons I need as cus-
tomers!" — "Mr. X," of the Schmo
Shop Discount Auto Repair.



"I ADVERTISE IN THE PENNYPINCHER BECAUSE...

it's way, WAY less expensive than
advertising in those newspapers
that people actually read!"
— Frugal Fred, of Frugal Fred's
Just Average Market



"I ADVERTISE IN THE PENNYPINCHER BECAUSE...

the crappy-looking ad I let my no-
talent son-in-law draw up just to
save a few bucks fits right in with
their cheap layouts and graphics!"
— Smiling Sam, of Smiling Sam's
Used Motel Furniture Barn



**"HEY KIDS!!! Want to earn cents per hour...
AND be treated like DIRT by the bitter ex-cons
we hire as route managers?"**

DELIVER THE PENNYPINCHER!!!

APPLY: THE NEIGHBORHOOD PENNYPINCHER

487 Royal Flim-Flam Avenue

**MUST be at least
8 years old
with parent(s)
so negligent
they won't care
how we exploit you!**



Why pay sky-high "super" market prices...when you can save big \$\$\$ at

FRUGAL FRED'S JUST AVERAGE MARKET

Frugal Fred's Just Average Market, nestled (conveniently!) between the city dump and MeatCo Slaughterhouse



Follow your nose to Frugal Fred's!

Several-day old potato salad

29¢ lb.



Grey (and kinda fuzzy) Poupon

49¢

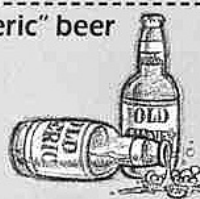


Ground "???" make offer!



"Old Generic" beer

\$1.99 12-pak



Loose fiber

29¢ handful



Pre-overripened (black) bananas

5¢ lb.



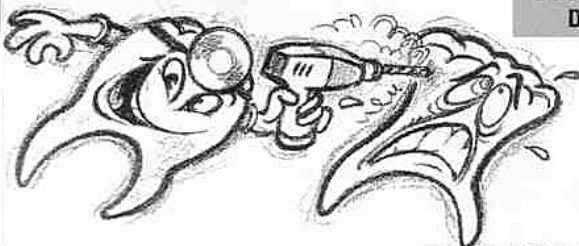
"THE PENNYPINCHER! Tossed directly into over 300,000 trash cans every week since 1981!"

Dr. Ed Pullem, Budget Dentist

Quality you'd expect from one of those other guys with the fancy-schmancy "D.D.S." degrees!

WE NOW HAVE NOVOCAIN!

Currently a part-time night student at the 2-Hour School of Dentistry!



No appointment necessary, just walk right in!

Conveniently located in the back room of Bitchy Barbara's Dog Grooming Salon, Quarantined Plaza

DIAGNOSTIC SPECIAL

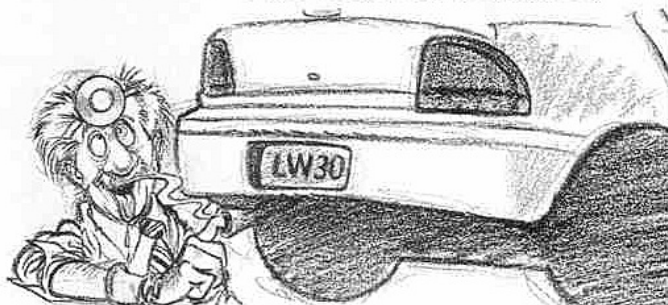
ONLY \$39.95

Are your car's "innards" acting up?

Let **The Auto Proctologist** poke around and see what the problem is!

Includes:

- Listening to your pathetic imitations of engine noises
- Not laughing
- Rubbing my chin thoughtfully
- Going "Hmmm"
- Giving a low, LOW repair estimate (which I have NO intention of sticking to!)



THE AUTO PROCTOLOGIST

Take the Reamway Exit off the San Placenta Freeway
Licensed/Bonded/Out on parole

WE ACCEPT:

Visa American Express
Blue Cross / Blue Shield

A Cut Above Hair Salon

(formerly "Shear Perfection," "Hair's To You" and seven other names too cute to mention!)

"We care more than any other big, impersonal haircutting chain!"

89 Lemon Tree Parkway

If you've got the hair... we've got the scissors!



The Conveyor Cut

\$8

anything we consider a "custom" haircut

\$29



a haircut the way YOU want it

\$39



4-Guys-Named-Murray Tax Preparers

Introductory Offer:

Use us and get:

\$100 Off Your Federal Taxes*



Murray 1 Adds!



Murray 2 Deducts!



Murray 3 Licks Envelopes!



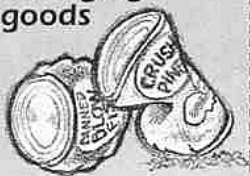
Murray 4 Mails!

4-Guys-Named-Murray Tax Preparers
13400 Number Crunchers Trail

*may not be honored by government agencies, such as the IRS

Dented & bulging
canned goods

9¢
each!



Brown peppers
(formerly green
and /or red peppers)

19¢
lb.



Used Duracell
Batteries

9 Volt 59¢
"C" 69¢
"D" 79¢



Last Month's TV Guide
two for

\$1.00



Be sure to
enter our
drawing for
a \$300 shop-
ping spree!!!

(Winners will be
notified by E.S.P.)

SHOPPING SPREE ENTRY FORM

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PHONE

CLASSIFIED ADS

ELECTRONICS

Personal Computers For Sale. No original
receipt; some cables cut; name-plate sanded
off. Not "hot" — really, man. Contact: The
Chico Loco Gang 555-1968.

Big Honkin' Stereo System. This isn't "hot"
either! The Chico Loco Gang 555-1968.

EVENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

12-STEP ANONYMOUS. New self-help group for
those addicted to other 12-step programs
(A.A., NarcAnon, Gambler's Anonymous, etc.)
Must complete all 144 steps. (First step is
finding us!)

The Society of...\$%^&#*...Cartoonists
with...% ^ & * \$ # ... Tourette's
Syndrome...\$#@!&* need old household
items...^&* \$ # @!...you can donate. For
\$&^(@! pickup, call 555-3535, you stinking
\$%#!@*

CARPET CLEANING

3 Rooms ONLY \$29!!! Two-Guys-Who're-Really-
Just-Casing-Houses-to-Burglarize-Later. 555-
8671.

HOUSE CLEANING

We can "tidy up" your house a bit...as long as
you're not obsessive about neatness or any-
thing! Perfectionists need not call! Brenda's
Pretty Good House Cleaners. 299 E.
Lackadaisical Rd. 555-7567.

Let us scrub, scrape & scour every nook and
cranny in your entire house that slobbs like
Brenda missed! Percy's Anal-Retentive House
Cleaners. 32 Neurotic Way 555-2625.

Will lick your house from top to bottom.
Kinky but dependable. Pink Flamingos
Cleaners, 309 Divine St. 555-7448.

MISCELLANY

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Subscriptions to the following premiere pub-
lications at discount prices!

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Metal Sludge
Pasta & Stream
Skinhead Gardening
Nooseweek
Stolen Car & Driver
Circus Geek News

Send \$19.95 to
Joe Scuddy's Hut O' Magazines Lapcard, CO

HELP! I lost my RumbaFlex 2000 directions!
Also, I'm missing the following parts from it:
The Deluxe J-Clips, the Lubricated Busby Hook
and the Stainless Steel Spunk Duct. Write:
Dory Chequit at 9 Bootleggers Alley, Stanley,
NY 11965.

Richard Simmons DEAL-a-MEAL deck. Missing
the Ace of Broccoli and the 7, Jack and Queen
of Ricecakes. \$11.95. Call 555-3987, ask for
"Fats."

ADOPTION: Single Mom wants loving couple to
adopt my baby for now, then go through
painful legal battles (along with media fren-
zy) when I want her back in a year or two.
MUST be photogenic! Francine Fickle. 555-
1971.

Scientific Atlanta Model 2876DX Gas
Chromatograph. Used for: DNA Analysis,
Microbacterial studies and Nuclear Particle
Separation. Also makes great Margaritas!
\$37,500. Professor Walsh, University of South
Key West.

Will solve polynomials and quadratic home-
work equations in exchange for room and
board. (I do not do analytical geometry!)
Contact Stan, on the Internet all the time.

"Classic" 1950s-style Linoleum free for the
asking after removing it from my kitchen
floor, where it's been for 40 years! Call Sue
(Mrs. Frugal Fred) 555-3833.

MOVING

Short-Distance Moving: no more than 12 feet
(doctor's orders)! Semi-Retired Ralph's
Moving. 555-9800.

Will move everything in your house for FREE,
while you're at work! The Chico Loco Gang
555-1968.

THE HAPPY COLON

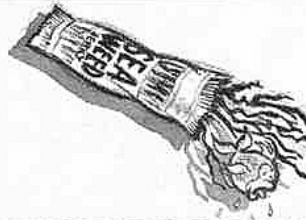
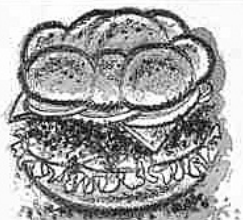
Health Food Store

THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

Organic Dirt Burgers....79¢ lb.

Seaweed Jerky....19¢ each

Macrobiotic Sawdust....39¢ lb.



YES! We also sell those high-priced Nutritional Supplements:

Anti-oxidant Ions
.....\$69 / test-tube



Monkey Juice....
\$99 / 100 capsules



Bee Phlegm
.....\$89 / fl.oz.



VitaminZX12√48
.....\$59 / bottle



Tiger-toejam Jelly
.....\$79 / scrape

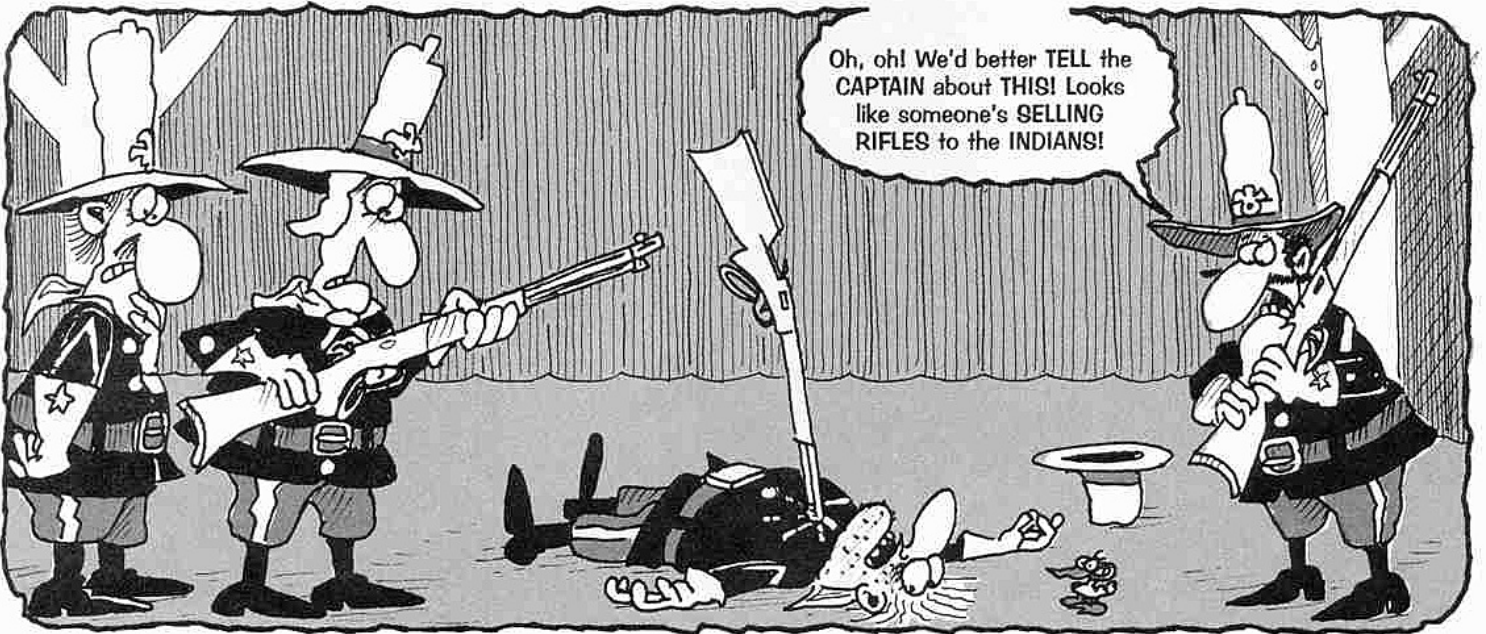
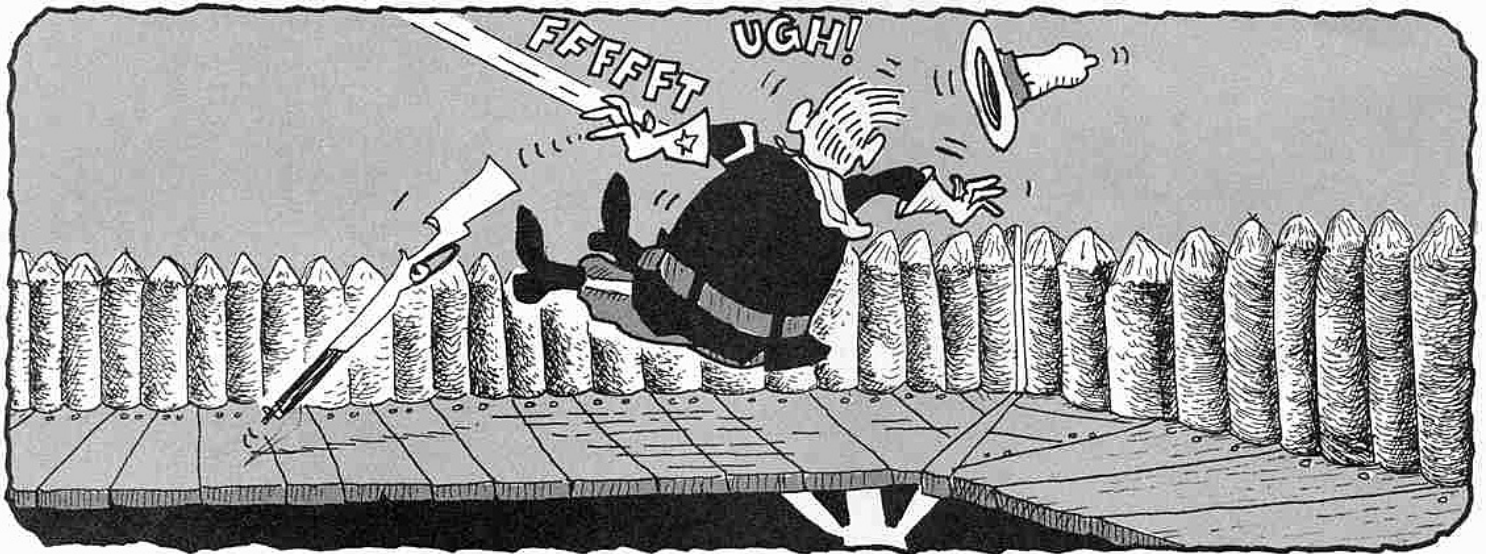
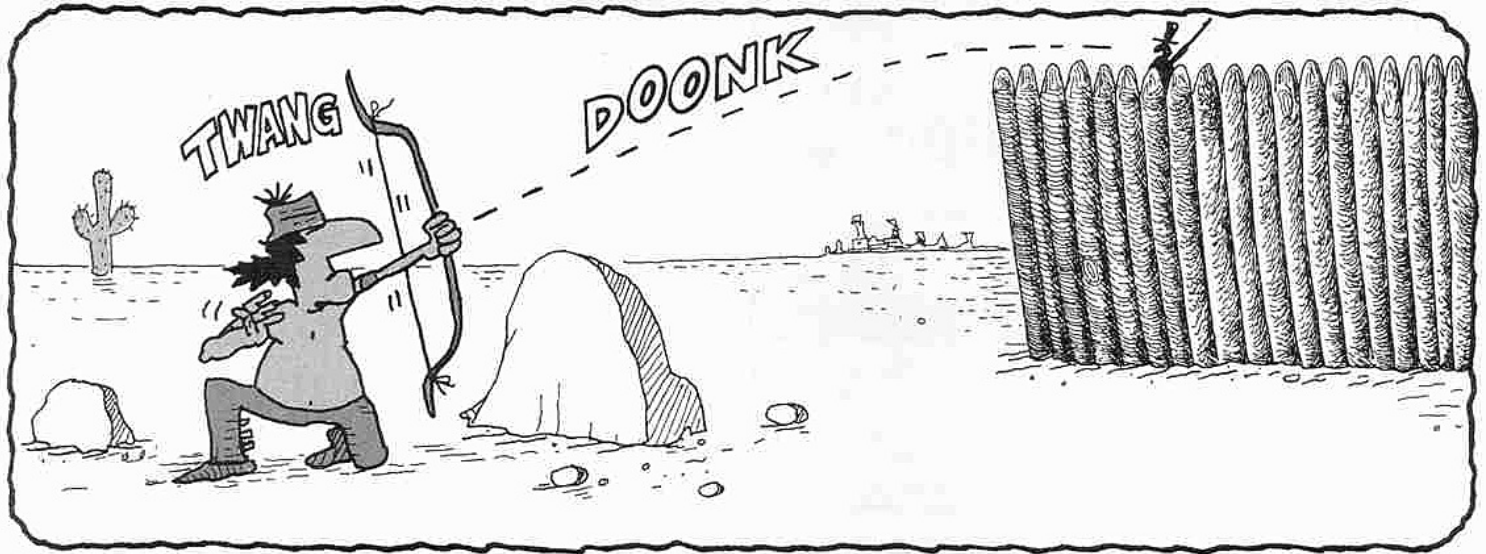


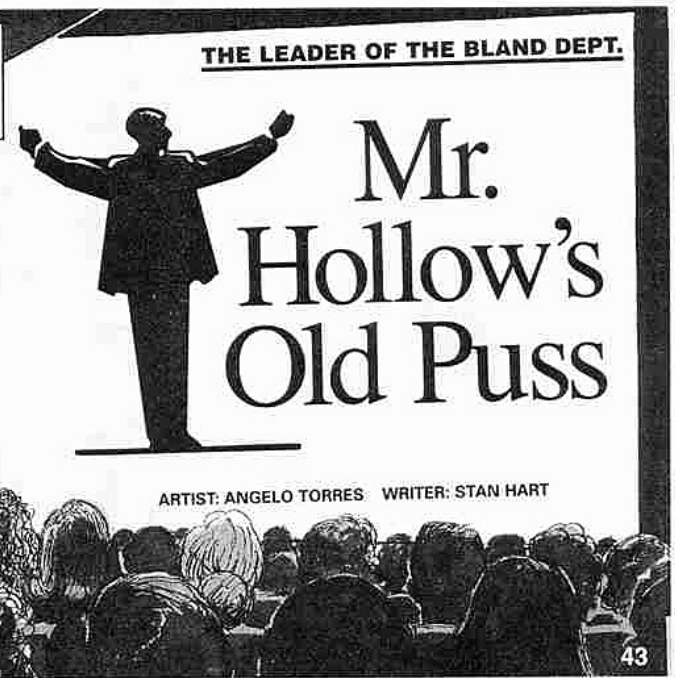
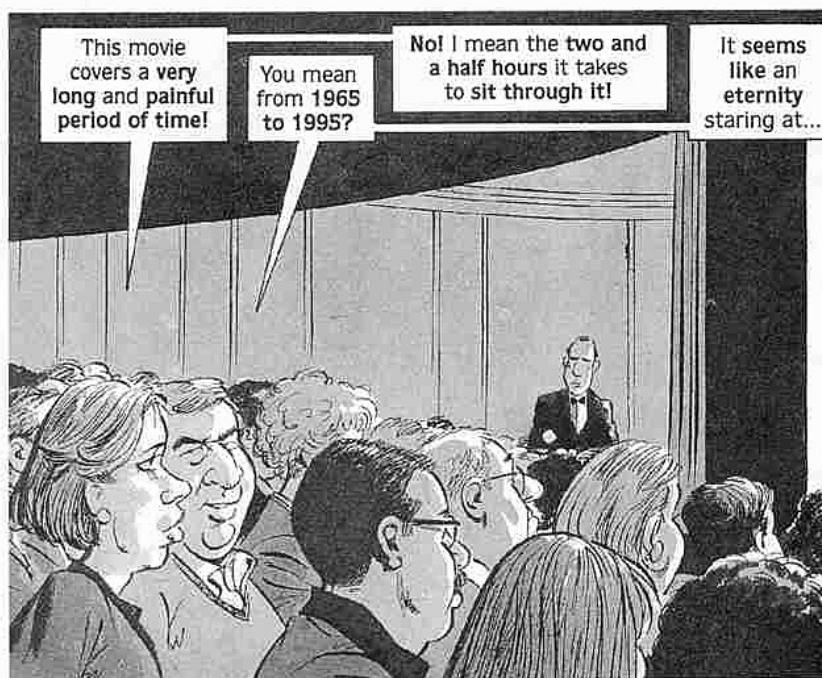
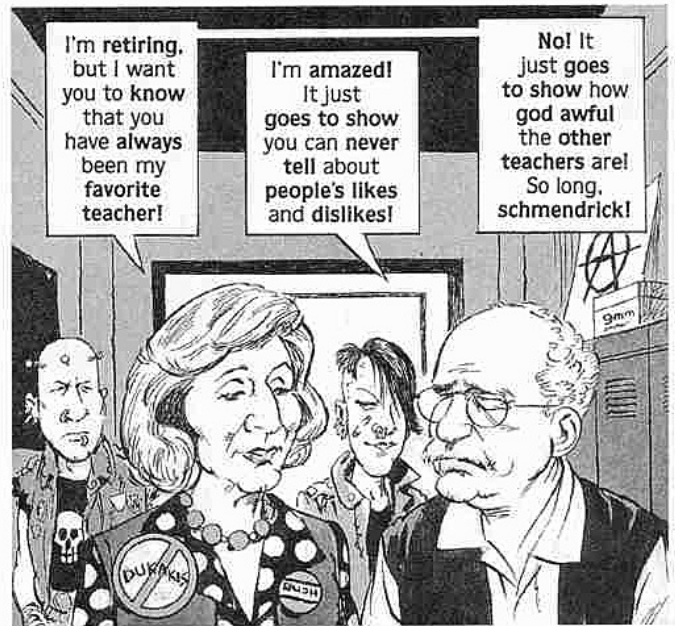
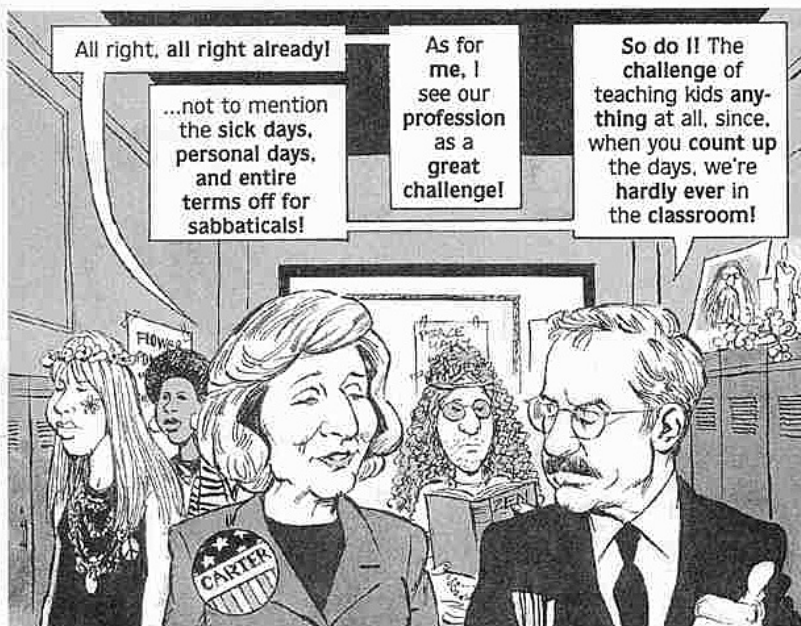
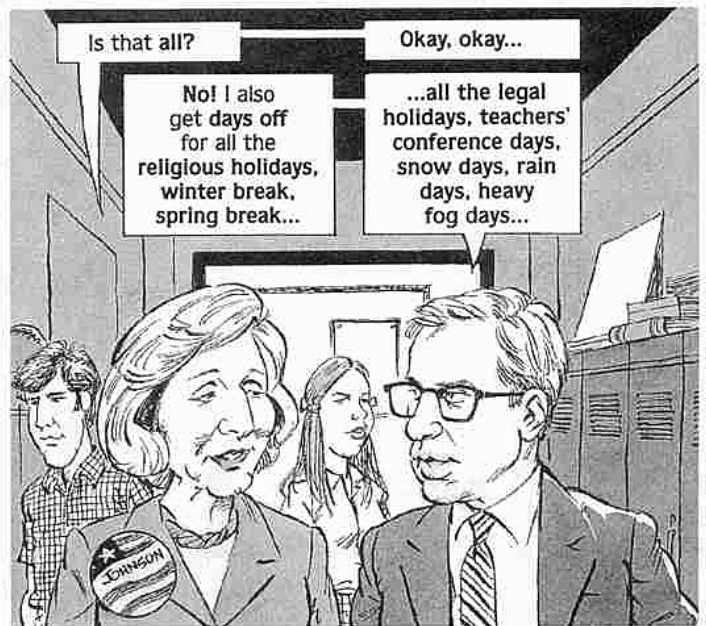
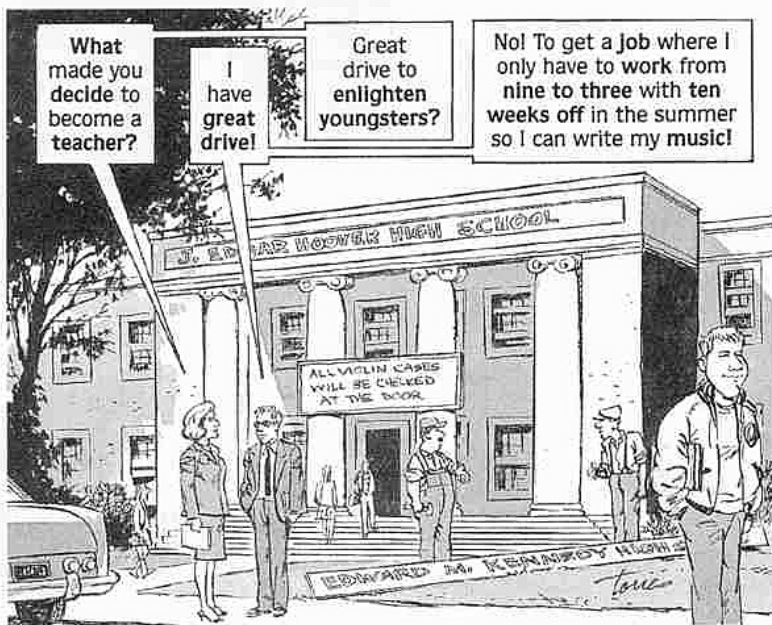
In New Age Plaza, between Healing Crystal City and Bella's Used Mantra Mart

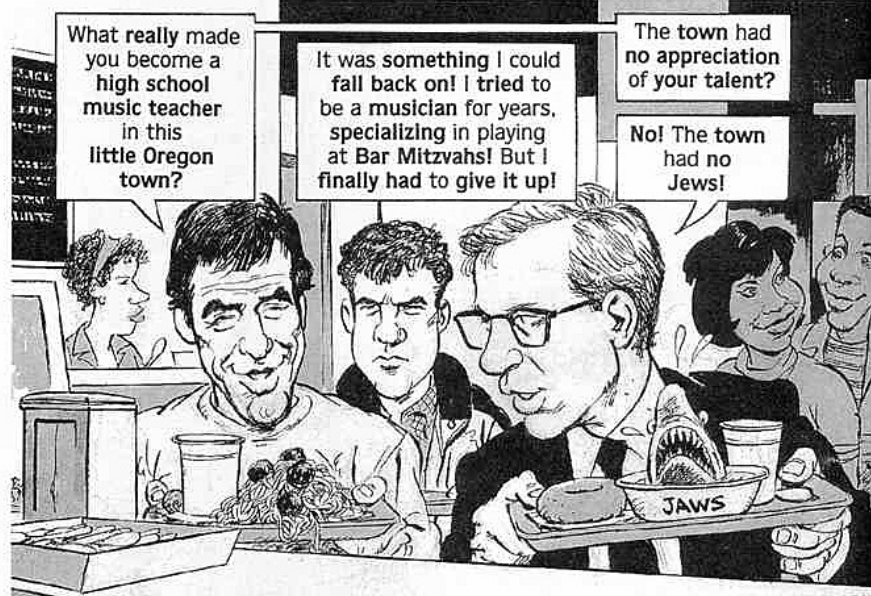
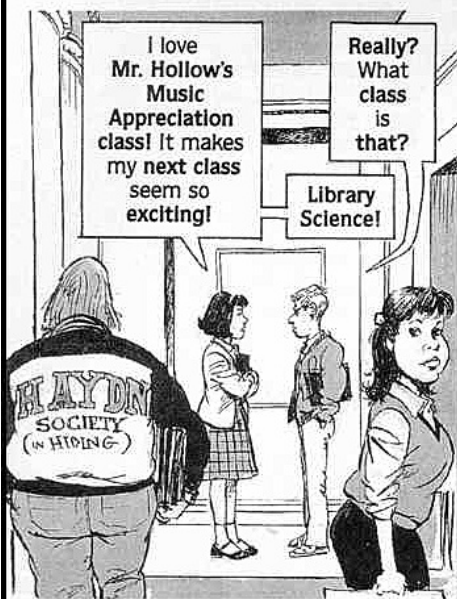
"THE PENNYPINCHER! Alerting burglars that nobody's home while you're away on vacation since 1981!" 41

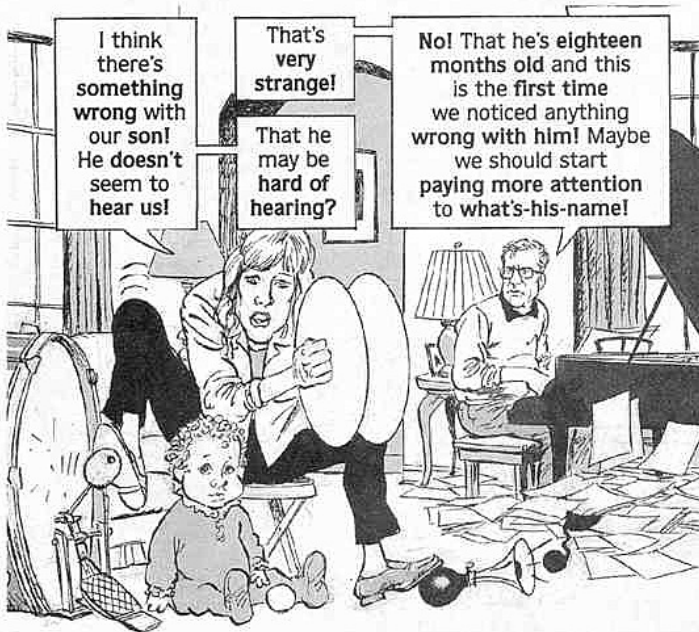
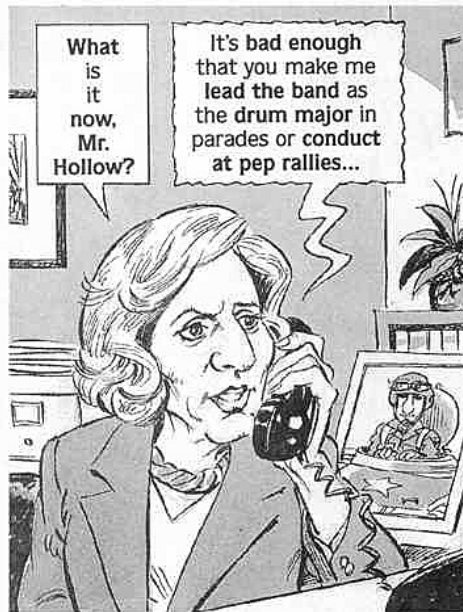
THE CONFUSING CAVALRY CONFRONTATION

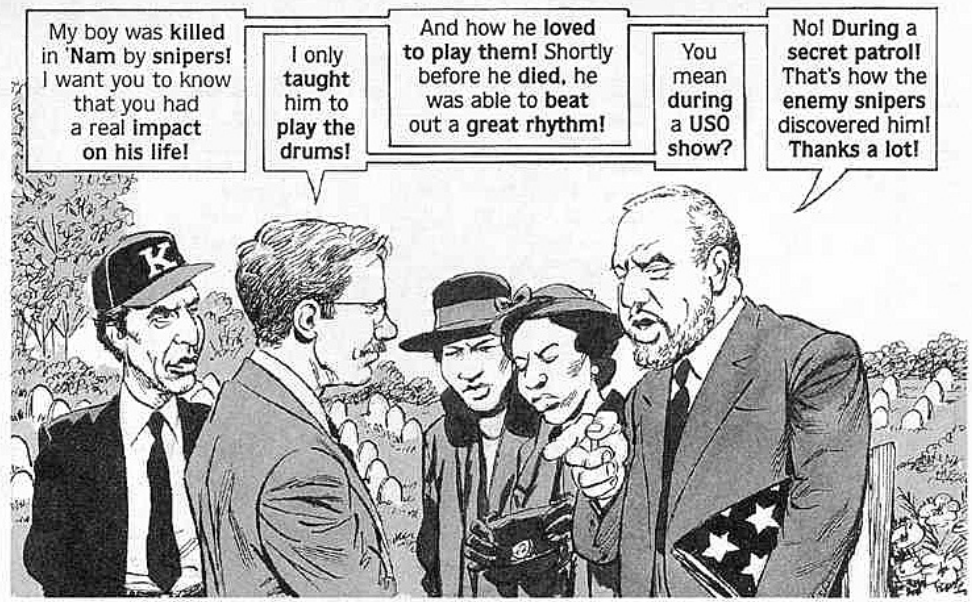
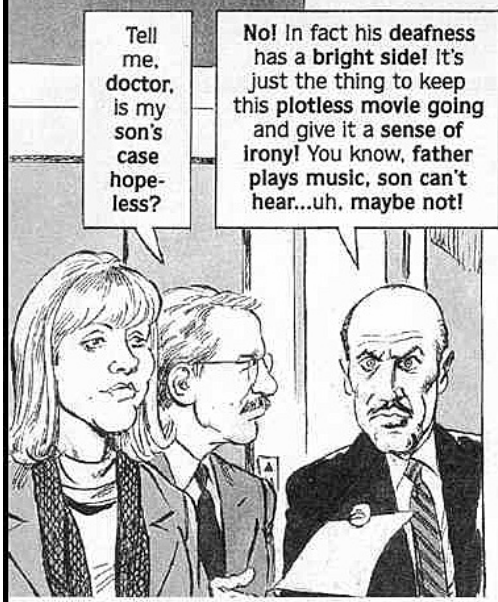
NOW THAT IT'S ALL OVER — if dogs are any indication, it's a good thing dinosaurs became extinct before we had to walk them!











NOW THAT IT'S ALL OVER — we're taking a "wait and see" attitude towards Woodstock 3!



A former student of yours, who is now the governor of the state, is here to play your concerto with the orchestra in a farewell performance to you!

I'm supposed to be thrilled to see the governor after that bitch slashed the budget for the schools and threw me out of a job?

Remember me, Mr. Hollow? I'm sweet Roweenle who ran away with your best friend, Coach Muenster!

He got a job coaching the Jets!

How is he?

Poor bastard!



You made a great impact on my life! After taking your advice and moving to New York City, I made it big on Broadway!

As a singer?

No, as a hooker!

Finally! A success story!

WHAT AM I... CHOPPED LIVER?

Gosh! Mr. Hollow's opus is difficult to play! It has a lot of discord in it!

It only sounds that way because the rest of us are playing "Stars and Stripes Forever"!

GOOD BYE

Mr. Hollow



It's nice to know some people still enjoy fine music!

Don't get too puffed up! They're our son's friends from the Academy For The Deaf! Everyone else in the audience left!

Well, at least our son enjoyed it! Look at him applaud!

Wrong again, Mr. Hollow! That's sign language for "It sucks!"








Question: What's the difference between Cable TV and Dracula? Answer: Dracula only sucks at night! Yes, Binky, the world is full of obvious, yet often overlooked differences! That's why we, the ever observant morons at MAD, have provided you with this handy-dandy chart which answers definitively . . .

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

ARTIST: RICK TULKA

WRITER: MARK EVANIER

	RUSH LIMBAUGH	THE CBS TELEVISION NETWORK	THE NEW YORK METS	A McDONALD'S HAMBURGER	WINDOWS 95
 PRESIDENT CLINTON	One is the spiritual leader of millions and the most powerful man in American politics. The other one is President.	President Clinton wouldn't have dumped Connie Chung.	The Mets have balls.	Some women in Arkansas have never had a McDonald's hamburger.	There are a few people around who can figure out Windows 95.
 THE GOODYEAR BLIMP	The Goodyear Blimp is a slightly smaller bag of gas.	Some people have actually seen the Goodyear Blimp.	The Goodyear Blimp will make it to the World Series.	You could theoretically eat the Goodyear Blimp.	The Goodyear Blimp takes less than thirty minutes to load.
 RUSSIA	Russia eats less.	It's possible to be entertained watching what's happening in Russia.	The Russians still have things of value to offer in a trade.	If you look hard enough, you can find meat in Russia.	Russia's system crashes only once every 60 years.
 MADONNA	Madonna could get sex even if she weren't rich and famous.	Madonna goes into more bedrooms at night.	Madonna occasionally has a hit and scores much more often.	Not everyone has seen the buns of a McDonald's hamburger.	Windows 95 operates on fewer desktops.
 THE TITANIC	One is a huge, destructive disaster and the other was an ocean liner that sank.	The Titanic will someday be raised from the bottom.	There's more dead wood on the Mets bench.	The Titanic gave people less of a sinking feeling when it went down.	The Titanic required fewer operating manuals.

**WHAT DOES A
COLLEGE
DEGREE
STILL ASSURE
TODAY'S
GRADUATES?**

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS **MAD FOLD-IN**

Let's face it, the years spent in college basically add up to four years of keg parties with a little studying thrown in! But life after graduation means touring Europe, getting a job and living on your own. To find out what else today's graduates have to look forward to, fold page in as shown.



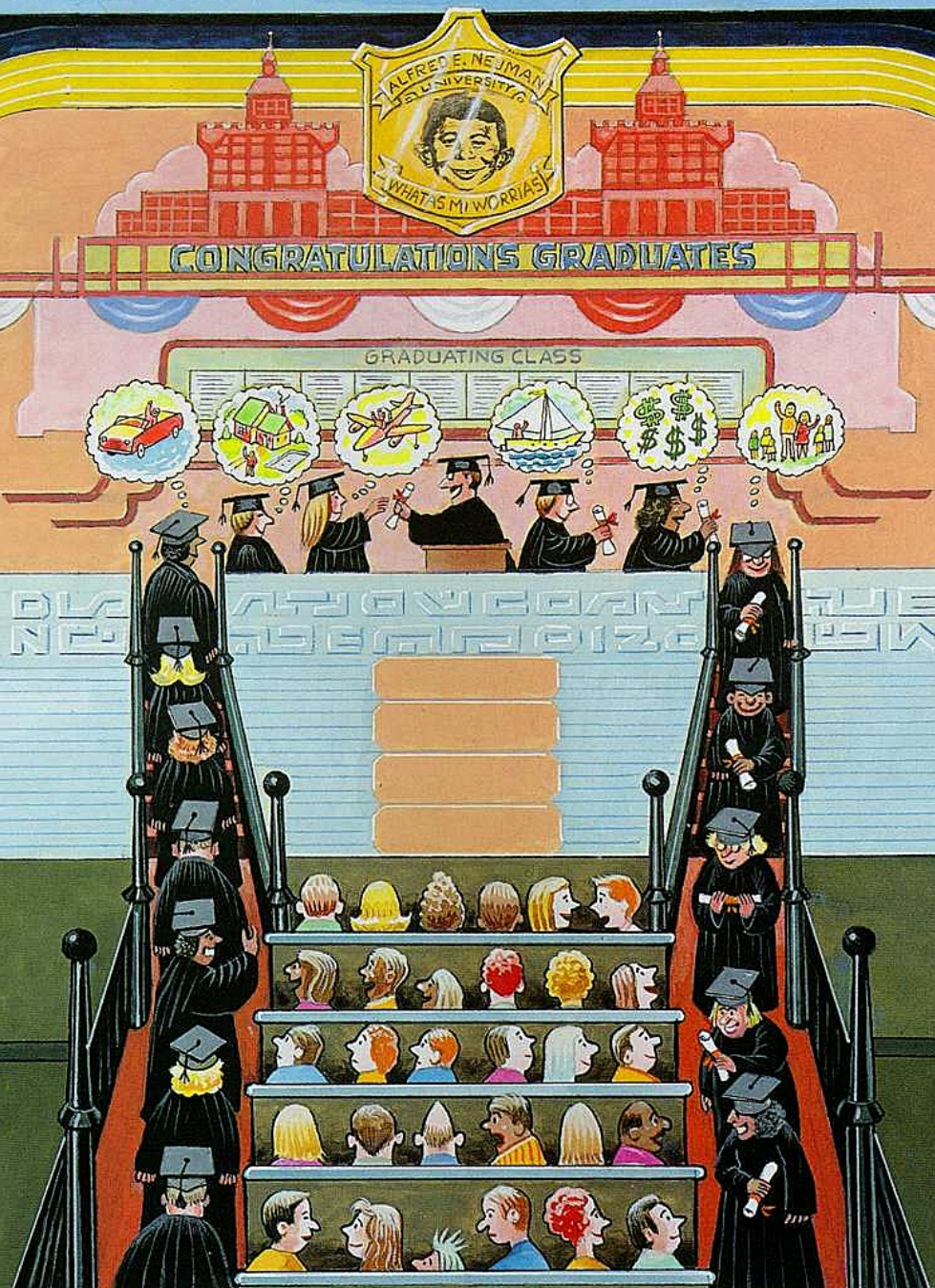
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BASIC LEARNING IS ABILITY TO THINK



**DECORATED COLLEGE CAMPUSES BRING GREAT PARADES
OF PARENTS AND GRADUATES TO ENJOY THE SATISFYING
CEREMONIES. BUT THE REALLY EXCITING PAYOFF A STUDENT
LOOKS FOR IS A FINANCIALLY REWARDING LIFESPAN**

A ►

◀ B

A Fairy Tale We'd Like To See



ARTIST: BOB JONES WRITER: DAN COLLINS